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1st day 4m 30th The Steamboat arrived at Fall River about 4 Oclk — The Boston passengers were soon started off in the Cars for that place, a new arrangement provided a Special Car and Engine for the New Bedford passengers, and from the fact that this is the first trip of the plan an hour perhaps elapsed before we were on the road after the other train had started — Mr. Lockwood was found a passenger, as he had been on my outward journey as far as Newyork — an oppressive hoarseness prevented my holding conversation with any One except in cases of necessity — the same cause made it very inconvenient to converse in Newyork — and was quite annoying — I rode from the Depot, and was at home about 6½ Oclk — found all pretty well — My cold, contracted on the passage from Baltimore to Phila confined me to the house, it was probably increased by the rather cool ride of this day —

2d day 5th 1 — Sent last a.m. to G. Hussey to call on me to day — My cold confining me to the house — to counsel on some business relating to the Cotton mill — Spent the day in writing relative to that unfortunate concern, which occasions me so much trouble anxiety and fearful apprehensions.

3d day 2d. Still too unwell to go to the Office and I have therefore buried myself with my accounts at home

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4th. day 3d. — Still confined at home, but busy — had a call from my Bro? Wm. by request to consult with him on some of my financial embarrassments — He was not able to render me any assistance

5th. day 4th. Yet confined with my cold but occupied with my accounts at home partly relating to the Buffalo Estate accounts received Monthly, before I left home on my late journey —

6th. day 5th — At home, on the Buffalo accounts — making an investigation of the profits since I came into possession, and to my surprise and dis-appointment I find that instead of from 7 to 10 % the amo. realized hitherto has not been 5% and to great have been the taxes and repairs that if there had been no loss in rents due, or Stores unoccupied the income would not have amounted to more than 7%

Rev. Mr. Snow at this w[illegible]

7th. day 6th — Being yet unable to go abroad I have taken in hand the voluminous accounts of the Agent of the Pocasset Manf. Co? which were referred to me as auditor at the Annual Mg. of 1st. Co?. in the 1st. month of the current year — The Statement of Int. thereon running through a period of 13 years being the chief labor — My dear mother was with us at tea — Bishop Eastburn called this forenoon with Mr. Snow the last time this afternoon

1st day 7 — Being yet oppressed with my cold I have spent the day in reading at home, including a Sermon and other services at the in-

Installation of the pastor Longfellow over the Unitarian Society at Fall River by Mr. Weiss. Brigham & Ware - which I think especially those by the two former valuable and edifying discourses

2d. day 8th Not being yet sufficiently recovered to go out I continued my attention to the Pocasset business at home

3d. day 9th Occupied as yesterday - and not yet quite at the end of the engagement - One of the two frail lower incisors which have supported the substitutes of the others furnished by D. Ward was without pain detached from its position -

4th day 10th - Still engaged at home. finished the calculations on the Pocasset C.J. Acct. embracing perhaps 40 pages - had a call in the afternoon from D. Ward, and accompanied him to his office where he made preparation for replacing my lost incisors - this is the first time that I have been off our premises since my return home - The weather very pleasant and the Spring rapidly developing its beauties -

5th day 11th Went to the C.J. Room again to day and had a call there from Benj Rotch who arrived this morn.g from Boston - Had a long consultation with him on the state of our Cotton Mill affairs with reference to availing of other markets than Boston on our own consignment - It was a depressing interview calling into consideration the large indebtedness of the Concern and the depressed state of the market for the Sale of our Cloth - as we understood him (G. Hussey & myself) we had his assent -

to our sending some of our Goods to other Markets
we pay S. them the large loan which we have had
from them from the beginning of our connection, and
on this idea action was taken — But before the
whole qty was sent to the Vessel for our 1st Shipm.t
under the arrangement B.S. Rotch was again at the
Office and I learned that his meaning had been
misunderstood, and the house would not release
their claim to the sale of all of our goods until the
$ loan was actually repunded, without waiting
for the maturity of the Current notes — A long
Conference was again had, the sad position of our
Coy. explained and the probable suspension of our
business insisted on if other markets could not
be found more favorable that that of Boston had
proved to be — He finally Consented that we sh.
send forward the lot now partially shipped and
leave our wishes fully considered and decided upon
by the House in Boston. This Suspense thrown
upon the plan from which alone hope appeared
to spring has a very depressing effect on my
Spirits

6th. day 12th. Engaged at the Cg. House. wrote
to A. P. Ce on the occurrences and discussions of
yesterday, and sent it by B.S. Rotch who, was
at the Factory again this morng. but I did not
see him. The Rec. M: Snow arr. from Taunton this eg & is
7th day 13 — Occupied again at the Cg. House &
through the day & eg — rode to E. Hathaway's early
by in the morning relative to planting my lot
with Corn &c — the State of the ground being too wet
from the recent rains for ploughing it.

1st day 14th. Attended meeting and read at home

— This being the first day (as I believe) that our mg. in the afternoon begins at 4 O'Clk. I was too early then by one hour — I therefore took a walk to my wests lots in the interim, called at Mathers & And.ws in the 2d. day 15th left this morng. in the Cars at 7 O'Clk for Providence via Fall River — took the St.r Boat at that latter place and reached P about 10 Oclk — Called at the different bleachg. Establishments to arrange for bleaching some of our goods to be forwarded to the Southern Market under the temporary permission granted us to do so by A.P.G. — Stopped a few minutes at my whfs. in F.R. which will so far as I purpose now to finish it be completed in about 2 ds. — found Frank at the Depot with the waggon, and rode home taking Bro.r Andw. with me — Mr. Chace H. who has been several days much oppressed with a cold is about the same as when I left this mg. — went to the Cg. Room in the evg. — just after retiring to bed — I was called up again by an alarm of fire, which by the splendid illumination which it cast over the town was immediately known to be the extensive planing mill and joiners shop of Dudley Davenport — myself & sons were there as soon we could make the requisite preparation — and by the strenuous exertions of the firemen & Citizens the destruction was confined chiefly to the premises of D.D. & Jn.o C. Richmond, on which the buildings were all destroyed except a shop on the lower end of the latter's — together with a very large quantity of lumber — the valuable building and property on the lots of C. H. Morgan on the South & Hathaway's Store & on the South were in imminent and long continued peril — the danger of extension was over by 2½ Oclk. when I came home & found my sons had also returned loss from 20 to 30,000 dls

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3d. day 16th. After a rather late breakfast in consequence of the disturbance last night I called at mothers in my way to the Cg. House and found her well — I was told that many of the burning cinders fell about the house on Water Street, and a few in the yard of her own occupancy — this seemed surprising as the wind was high from the West. & S.W. and the burnings buildings a quarter of a mile to the South and all on the east side of Water Street — It would thence appear that the higher atmospheric currents were considerably modified by the rarified column as suggested in Espy's theory — I was employed in Cg House engagements — returning home earlier than usual —

4th day 17th. Spent a considerable part of the forenoon in writing up this diary — it having fallen in arrear for want of a book — the rem: of the day at the Cg. House. Francis was occupied in attending to my small farming business, a lot at the West, planted with corn & potatoes by Ezra Hathaway, ploughed with the Cg. team & Horses — Macheth still confined to her room, but slowly improving.

5th day 18th. Went to Fall River to day to settle with my workmen there, took over our daughters Ellen & Clara Morgan went in Chs. Rodmans got there at 12, and stopped at Sister Lydia's was sorry to find Mary unwell — but the family were not willing that I should bring the children back — I was occupied all of the afternoon with my business at the Whf & Co's office and left about sunset, and had a beautiful

moon light to finish the ride in
6th day 19th Occupied at the Cy. House &c
till near 3 O'clk. — to finish letters for the mail
— on my return home to dine met Elder Swain
who arr.d to day in the boat with $12000 for
me from his father in law Simeon Starbuck
for which loan (on acc.t of the N.B.S. Mill Co.y)
a negociation has been long pending. called
by appointment at the Mansion Hse at 6 O'clk
but as he had not returned from Mattapoisett —
I called again later and walked with him to
see my ship which I had offered as collateral
security for the promise of the St.Cr Mill Co.y —
— called at the lodgings of Judge Prescott in
relation to the Mortgage —
7th day 20th Gave attention to the comple-
tion of the note for the Vanderbelt loan which
involved a talk & some discussion with most
of the individuals of our Coy — Frank rode
round with me to effect this object when I
called at the lodgings of E. Swain and went
with him to the Office of Judge Prescott to com-
plete the Mortgage which he took for record &
and gave me the money between 12 & 1 O'clk
— afternoon devoted to business at the Cy. House
where I was detained till very late
1st day 21st — The fear that the illness of Mary
Worcester might make the visit of our little girls bur-
thersome to bro.r Micah's family — induced them with
her to send Frank for them to day — Soon after he had
left a letter from Ellen was rec.d from the P. Office which
came last ev.g — pleading to stay till 5th day next
with the coinciding wish of the family — Mary being
better — On consultation therefore it was thought
best to consent to their staying and Rob.t with his cousin
Fred.k rode over to carry the message — I called

6 to go to Mg. with E. Swain in the Mg. to the Spring St. & in the afternoon to 5th St. Hse. he came home to tea with us and then I went with him to hear Mr. Weiss who gave an interesting discourse on our duties & the erring - from the text. - Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them — The sons returned from Fall River & our little girls, which we have been the care of that had omitted his journey as and prosperity supported.

2d day 22 Called at the Mansion House to see E. Swain invited him to dinner which I understood him to accept but it appeared that he did not so understand it and on calling for him at the hour I found him dining — I was busy at the Cg Hse & through the day Mg discouraging aspect of the Sale of our goods makes the prospect before me very alarming —

3d day 23 — Called to deliver the Mortgage deed completed with my wife's Signature to E Swain — and devoted the rest of the day to the duties of the Cg Hse &c

4th day 24th Spent the day in devotion to my discouraging business - Mg. also at the Cg. Hse -

5th day 25th went to the Wh[illegible] before breakfast and to the Bank (as I did on 2d day for the first time since Charles & my exposition of our affairs) and went to the 5th St. mg — called as my sister Mrs Little and relating to the Academy but learned that she was absent as Providence I was almost exclusively occupied in writing letters in the time not appropriated as stated, called as mothers after dinner. She was

here to tea &c I did not get home till nine
O'clk — She seems very well
6th day 26th Called at Mothers and Spent the
day in attending to my Accts at the Office &c
was detained there on Calculations relating to
the Fact. till 11 O'clk
7th day 27th Devoted myself to the duties
of the Cg. House &c — rode to Fairhaven in
the afternoon to make enquiries of the
men in the Kingston just arr.d from Sid-
ney the news respecting the Ship Athol
then there, did not find any of them
— and returned to the Cg. House, and was
occupied there till late in the ev.g
— a part of which Bro.r Benj.n Spent with
my family — Fred.k Roberson being there
at tea &c — a false alarm of fire in
the ev.g
1st day 28th — Attended meetings as usual at
the Shipping St. House, had a call between meet-
ings from Clothier Gifford and John Utley, the latter
having arr.d from Sidney in the Ship Kingston where
he left the Winslow in Oct.r last — He appears
to give a candid acct of the proceedings of
Capt. Simons — and I am sorry to say they
are confirmatory lamely of the unfavorable im-
pressions rec.d from information through other
Channels — Sally Hammond was here
at tea & through the ev.g I went home with
her & called at Mothers.

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2d day 5m 29 – Went to the Cg House before breakfast – after, to the bank – then to my duties at the Cg House &c. Called to see Gen Harvey on Factory concerns – which are an unceasing source of anxiety – Made enquiries after dinner relative to the Athol of St John of Mr. Peirce. 2d Officer of the Kingston, and wrote to C.C. Stewart on the subject – In the ev. wrote letters to Capt Simms of the Winslow to order the Ship home, he having shown himself entirely disqualified for any such trust as that which her owners most unfortunately reposed in him –

3d day 30th Detained part of the forenoon at home to make some arrangements to protect the corn field from the cows &c, but failed in the endeavor – remainder of the day & ev. at my said Cg House duties. The affairs of the Steam Mill which involves all my concerns seems very fast verging to a disasterous crisis – did not get home till past 11 O'clk – I made two deeds to day of the upper portion of my North lots to our Sons Edmund & Thomas, of which they have had the promise for the last 17 months – when my pecuniary affairs were apparently much less critical than at present, or I sh'd not have made the donation. I hope however under the worst issues that await my affairs that no one will lose anything by me – and I wish I could add that those dependent upon me would not be curtailed in their comforts by privations more trying than those they have been for the last Dad year. But we must endeavor to

put our trust in a kind & presiding Provi-
dence, on whom in prosperity & adversity we
are alike dependent whether we are conscious
of it or not.
4th day 31st Occupied with my ordinary &
oppressive duties — through the day & eve
5th day 6th mo: 1st At the Cg. House nearly all day
& eve — making an exam: of my affairs to
exhibit with reference to aid if it can
be obtained to save our credit and some-
thing of our property from the fatal Cotton
business — My bro: Wm called — and
entered into the state of our affairs but
he could not suggest any relief
6th day 2d Occupied as yesterday for
all the time that I could spare from
their duties — Geo. Hussey & L. Coffeen
called to consider matters — and with
reference to the hope of aid — from others
which at present looks like a forlorn
hope — returned about 10 — called
at Dr Wards & had the false teeth put in
which helps my voice some what. —
7th day devoted myself to the trying duties
which have been forced upon me by the em-
barrassed condition of the St Lucie Cg. — all
the time that I could spare from the claims of
the hour had a call from Lee Pappan &
of Newyork who is here to introduce an improve-
ment in the Solar lamp, and wished to see
mine — to which his has no resemblance —

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I was not at home till past midnight

1st. day 4th. Rose early and performed my weekly ablutions – attended meetings as usual & which were satisfactory Offerings from Rhoda Howland Rachel Howland and Jos Davis – There was also a Stranger there who spoke several times but his Gift seemed as well as his natural endowments to be small after the first Mg. I walked to the Cemetery to visit the Spot where the remains of our beloved Mary Rose, and to deposite a flowery offering culled by the hand of her affectionate mother – The rem.^r of the day and eg. was chiefly devoted to the contemplation of my affairs of yesterday, with reference to my trying pecuniary condition – with a view of applying for the aid of the friends of our Cotton Comp.^y to avail of their credit in borrowing the indispensable funds.

2.^d day 5th Continued my work at the C.J. House in making a statement of the Comp.^y affairs as I had done of my private condition – I was at the Bank Directors Mg. and late at the C.J. House

3.^d day 6th closely engaged in C.J. House duties with reference to the mismanaged voyage of the Winslow (as I was a considerable portion of yesterday) and with reference to the Factory difficulties – returned home at 11 –

4.^th day 7th – Called at Geo Haney's C.J. Room to consider the condition of our company – a Mg. of the Stockholders was proposed but the indisposition of Wm. C. Rotch prevented it. I was occupied all the forenoon with fam.^y concerns, – and after a late dinner – my own affairs with reference to an exposition to some of my friends for the aid of their Credit was attended to in the eve.^g. had a call from Mr. Noble of the house (with whom we contracted for Coal. who expressed great satisfaction & dispatch with the quality & sent

ev — — The Rev J. Mc Horton of Grace Church was expected to spend the evg by appointment with the family - I was necessarily absent, but he did not come 5th day 8th Went to the Cg House on an errand before breakfast - to prepare myself for a Satisfactory lighting this evg - Having been much delayed by the endeavor to burn some old & inferior oil which I Bought with some Sperm which was taken for Samples of Canvas &c - some of it had acquired a viscid and ropy quality so that it rose but very Slowly by the Capillary action of the wicks - I tried a new wick but the success was not much better — I was engaged a considerable part of the forenoon in completing a copy of the Statement of my affairs for exhibition to those who may be disposed to lend us their aid in sustaining the St. Mill Coy. - I was thus detained till too late to go to the meetg at 5th Street which I proposed to do - Spent the rem. of the morng & till near the Closg of the mail (2¾ Pm) at the Cg House, and after dinner I went to the assessors rooms to give in my Real Estate for Coy Tax and afterwards made to the Ass. a communication at Treasurer of the Potch Wharf Coy - I was late at the Cg Hse - and had a perfect light with the command. P.W. oil from S. Condor. The inferior oil in another lamp burned better than last evg probably from a larger admixture of Sperm, though it was less noticed from its being entirely unimportant from the Splendor of the other. The Rev. Mr. Horton visited the family this evg - but I of course had not the pleasure of meeting him. Yesterday or 3d day forenoon I gave Geo Howland the agreement relating to the construction of Water Street which he some days before asked me for

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in hand J. it to him (at the U.S. Inn Office) I request-
ed him to return it to me that it might be found
if others wished to refer to it — and referred him
to the application which he formerly made to me
for these papers (relating to 1st St.) which I earnestly
sought for in his presence in my C.J. Room with
our success, when he very charitably & plainly
insinuated that I did not chuse to find them
— I afterwards ascertained, and so informed him
that they were in the hands of one other of the par-
ties to that improvement, who had omitted to
return them to me. He could but admit the in-
justice of his suspicions. Yet endeavored to justi-
fy himself by saying that "it looked so". I told
him it was not my habit to profess one thing when
I meant another — He spoke to me about
the unsettled acct. relating to the Middle St.
House — that house which we bot. together in
1831 for a mutual benefit, and after this
was realized by himself after 10 years labor by
me & my brothers, he had the grace to cheat me
out of my share of the advantage — I did not
tell him that I wd. comply with his request
— his being about to leave the Country to at-
tend his wife on her religious visit to England
was the reason given for the request that all
accounts should be settled — I told him that if this
settlement were not made he need not be trou-
bled — The fact is, that I have become so embar-
rassed by the course which his hostility has im-
posed upon me, that I cannot pay the small bal-
ance due to him, without prejudicing others who
have shown me no unkindness, — and done me

no injury.
6th day 9th attended to some business relating to the Estate after breakfast — and had an interview with my brother William on my financial embarrassments — His own large requirements will not permit him to render me any direct aides — after [illegible] & dined at the Eg. House
7th day 10th called at my uncle Williams and at Aunt Mary's after breakfast — They aunt looks very feeble — but in a very quiet and patient Spirit — She has been a great sufferer from an incurable disease and bears it with christian resignation, as I believe through words are not the evidence of it — She never makes herself the theme of her conversation, except obliged to do so by the enquiries of her friends, and then never solicited but rather discouraged — I fear and I dread not that she has a similar impression that her life is fast drawing to a close — and from her manner I think she is waiting in patient resignation for the event — Devoted the remr. of the day to business anxieties and cares — had a mg. in the afternoon of the St Cyprille Co — to consider the alarming State of our concerns — No very feasible means of averting a failure could be suggested but we are to do our best to avert it. A consultation with some of our friends was decided on which will perhaps take place informally with one or two to morrow — Mother was here to tea. I got home about 9 & rode to see her — Fred. Robeson was here late in the eg and rode home with me he gave favorable intelligence from his bro. Wm. who had been alarmingly ill.

Rose 1st day 11th pretty early and attended to my morning duties — after breakfast walked to the Cemetery to to lay a parental tribute of fresh flowers on the spot consecrated to the memory of our beloved Mary. Went to meeting as usual and at the close of the first had an interview with Leo Hussey & Edw.d M. Robinson at my house on the financial embarassment of the St.te mill Coy. — called after dinner at C.H. Morgan's & my bro.r Wm's — the latter I did not see, he having been called to Fall River by the illness of his wife, who has made herself by her attendance on her son in Law — with symptoms of Sore throat like his and Sister Emeri who is sick here from a similar but much shorter exposure — I went to Mg with my family in the ev.g at Grace Church F. Robinson accompanying us to hear their new Minister Mr. Horton — at the close called with Ma there H. at bro.r And.w's Brothers — Sister A is thought to be better than Yesterday though confined still to her bed and friends — My dear aged brother very well My study has been in the bible & the life of Wm. Allen — How derelicte in contrast with my own troubles & perplexities will be the placid course of the humble Christian unhampered by the cares of exorbitant pecuniary obligations — may a kind Providence grant me before I die the blessed state & exemption —

2d day 12 Rose early to write for the mail which was for it closed at ½ past 6 O'Clock — after breakfast went to the Bank found all there except the President — J.A. in his Chair — Charles and I felt our insignificance as the board called at the C.J. Hse of the latter to talk to him on my pecuniary not to say desperate position — had an interview also with Pope & Young and about the Condor, and was sorry to find that they had not fully understood that I was not able to have & refit her for another Voyage — My Sons Ed'd & Thos have had conversations with them and I thought it was understood. My embarrassed circumstances makes impossible for me to aid them as I could wish to do — by giving them the Quarter of the Ship with the bills all paid & Ship at Sea — all that I can now do is to give them the Ship as she arrived if they can find the means to fit her — Had a very discouraged feeling throughout the day and eve — The time of the Catastrophe of a coming Suspension & inability to meet my promises begin in all human probability very near at hand.

3d day 13th — Called at my brother Wm's before breakfast — to see if he made any enquiries of J.E. Thayer & Bro's about my business wants yesterday but found that he did not — he reported favorably of sister Rebecca — She being afflicted like Mary Chadwick but he thought in a mild form — I was at the C.J. Hse & factory most of the day & eve — Stephen Dewol went through the

latter with me. it being 8 years since he has been in this place except for a very short time perhaps once — I have often deeply regretted that I could not have had a little of his advice in the outset of our enterprise — I think he would have saved us from our present most anxious position — I was buried after he left with Cg Hse duties — till late in the ev'g — He came to attend Court as a juror but was excused — We have information of H. Walker Jr. being at Newport at the Yearly Meeting with the expectation of making us a visit 4th day 14th Spent the morning at the Cg. House and at 1½ O'clk. went to Fall River. to see about disposing of my horses, now that Ch. M. Morgan & my work for them is finished took over my interest tables to use on the acct. of the Agent of the Pocasset Co — which I was appointed to examine and audit — I called at the wharf and then spent the afternoon & ev'g. at my work at the Pocasset Office — which I completed a little before 10 when I returned home with one of my horses and my mothers Cart, also one of my own + arrived between 2 & 3 — Cousin Hannah Walker from Newyork via the Yearly Mg at Newport arrived this day her Son Thos. came with her but left in the mid day train for Boston —

5th day 15th Rose late and devoted my time to the duties of the Cg House &c &c through the day & Wg. Breakfast & dinner with the family & our guests except & called at Mothers twice, the news from Sister Rebecca at Fall River is less favorable than from the report yesterday we had reason to hope - but the acct. this Wg. is more uneasy agging — Sister Anna also is not so well as some days since — the affection of the throat has given place to other unpleasant symptoms — It is very pleasant to have my wifes favorite Cousin with us, would that there were not such great drawbacks, in the State of business to damp our enjoyment of it as we could under other circumstances —
6th day 16 Gave attention to business at the Cg House &c through the day Came home at dark to have our cousin's Company and that of my dear aged mother & Sister who took tea with the family — we had a pleasant Wg. The state of our Sister Rebecca at Fall River give us anxiety but we hope for the best — this has been a very hot day and must have been very trying to the dear invalids of our family — and others
7th day 17th Go again to Mothers this forenoon on my way to my business

I learned with great pain and entire surprise that my dear Sister Anna was sinking to her final close — went there imd — and found it too true — the rem.r of the day & ev.g was, with the exception of some indispensable business given to the attentions and duties of this afflictive dispensation — She took but little notice and said little after I came her last gave indications of consciousness and resignation — She breathed rather laboriously all the forenoon — but on my return after dinner the difficulty increased and a little before 4 O'clk the Vital Spark had fled — This brought sad duties & cares. which occupied me the rem.r of the day & ev.g — The distress of the families and friends is increased by the sad intelligence rec.d at different times through the day by telegraph &c of the increased illness of Sister Rebecca at Fall River, where is nursing her son in law, as Sister Anna her son the disease was contracted which in both cases is likely to prove fatal — On going

to the R.R. Depot to send to our Fall River friends at 5 p.m. & like the intelligence of Sister Anna's death I was surprised to find Eliza Bunker there. They informed me that a magnetic despatch had been rec. announcing the sinking condition of her Sister and requesting the former to come to her immediately. I secured the kind attentions to her on the route of W.H. Allen, and took her daughter home with me in the buggy they having walked to the Depot. So sudden was the warning that they had not time to procure a carriage without taking a risk of missing the train, as they supposed. On returning to bro. Andrew's I visited in the precautionary measures to prevent the necessity of a hasty interment and staid the eve. there with others of the family who are strangers in this great affliction Sister Lydia from Boston & Mary Robeson from Providence and this eve.

1st day 18th Went to the Cemetery before breakfast with O'Connell to water Dr. Mary's Grave & scatter some sweet flowers on the Grass — then to A. Robesons where my time and attention were

chiefly given, or to objects relating to the recent
Calamity — A magnetic dispatch announ-
ced to us at 11 Oclk the sad event of which we have had
for the last 12 or 15 hours the most anxious fore-
bodings, — the decease of our dear Sister Rebec-
ca at 10 min. before 7 this morng — I com? this
fresh affliction, to the family — which was
received with great sensibility by all — Edw?
Bartley & Elliott & Cole. and I assisted him in
making the preparation for burial Sister Rebecca
Mariss home this evg — I was at Andrews
most of the afternoon and I was at Bro:
Williams. & already to meet the arrivals of
the relatives &c — which took place from 9 ½
to 11 Oclk. I assisted to [illegible] as I could in
doing the needful. which did not fail under-
taken. Bro: Wm & Sister Susan, Edw? Ellen
& the baby were the recent party; Charles &
Benj? brought up the rear of these mourners at
a slow pace with the earthly remains of
our dear Sister — Stroke cousin H. Walker to see the Cemetery
2? day 19th Went to Bro: Wms before break-
fast to see if any attention from me was needed
and I was there several times afterwards. As
I was at Andrews — which took up the day
went to the Cemetery the afternoon with
A. Roberson Jr. and again in the evg to give
orders for the preparation for the interment
no time for which is yet fixed — Ma

Chen H & Sister Phebe, and Edw H Thos were
at the house of Mourning — Our cousin H
Walker and her Son left us that afternoon
to return home via Stonington — We have
been gratified & comforted with this visit. She
having been one of the dearest of my wifes friends
from childhood — and retains the same affection
ate disposition & unpretending goodness which
was so attaching in earlier years — She has
tasted the bitter cup of affliction, and has
sympathized truly with us in our sorrows
3. day 20th Devoted my time to the duties in-
cidental to the double affliction which
has been dispensed to our family Circle — at
A Robeson's & bro. Wm H. Jonathan Robeson
and Jos. T. Mather arrived to day from
Phila — this is a great satisfaction to their
bro & Uncle — It has been concluded
to day that the interment Shall take place
tomorrow — the funeral Services at bro —
Williams at 2 O'clk. and at bro Jo-
dines at 5 O'clock — There is probably
no necessity for its being so early — except
that the appearance of the remains may
by delay, may assume a less pleasing
expression — The Ice box, where each has
been deposited seems to far to have check-
ed the tendencies to decomposition that there
is yet nothing to offend the Senses. — Much
General calls with reference to the Sad
Solemnities —

4th day 21st — Made an early visit to the Cemetery to see that all things were in order — and to scatter a few white flowers on the Spot consecrated to our beloved Mary near which on either side others are now hallowed to the memory of her dear aunts I was at the house of Mourning several times before the hours assigned for the last duties of love and affection to the mortal remains of these excellent women in which the Sympathy of the numerous friends and individuals to whom they had endeared themselves by their estimable Characters and qualities could be publicly testified — My bro. Benj myself were at the last preliminary arrangements at bro. Wms and were fully satisfied that the interment might have been postponed without any inconvenience, but for the reasons suggested in my note of Yesterday; — but there reasons — that no unpleasing impression should be left on the minds of those whose regard for the virtues of the two deceased should indeed the wish to take a last look at the late earthly Medium by which those noble qualities shed their benignant influence on all around them — justified the proceeding — and at 2 O'Clk the Mourning friends

were at my bro's. We to mingle their sympathy with the bereaved family and relatives — the assemblage was addressed by Richard Mott who is now a guest at my uncle William Rotch Jun's and the Rev. Mr. Weiss made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion — On return from the cemetery the carriage in which our family rode took us to bro's Andrew's where I wished to be as early as possible to make the preliminary change of the remains but I found that all had been accomplished without me — At this Funeral Solemnity Mr. Weiss made some appropriate remarks in an informal way — and afterwards a very beautiful fervent and Consoling Prayer was offered by the Rev Mr. Dean formerly of the Free Will Baptist Church of this Town —

The procession moved again to the Cemetery (Oak Grove) and the remains of my fellow Sister were deposited in the bosom of mother earth — Returning stopped at Bro's Andrews where Sister P. and I alighted — I returned in a few minutes to the Carriage and came home — Sister remained to tea — and after tea I went thither again and returned home with her — Thus has terminated the events of this Memorable day — may it's solemn lesson be duly heeded by us who still live

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5th day 22d By appointment after breakfast I went to my brother Benj.n farm to get his decision as to the purchase of one of my horses from Fall River — left one for trial — and gave another to Simeon Hawes for a similar purpose — resold the large Gray to Jot Snell of whom I bought him and took the other Gray for temporary use at home, but for the injury from the Locomotive Engine in 1846 this w.d be a very valuable family horse — Strong & fleet, but that accident cost him one eye and makes him trip sometimes with his fore feet —

On my return I attended the Quarterly Meeting for worship, Rich.d Mott spoke at length and in his usual style — Warren from Maine spoke interestingly at the close called at bro.r Williams & Andrews and took mach.e here H, Sister Phebe & Susan in the afternoon to the Cemetery, to see the Stone just erected at our dear Mary's grave — it was made in Boston, and is in very good taste. a granite base white marble surface and heavy slab of moderate height terminating in a Gothic arch — projecting margin and letters which express only her name and the year of her death — The Stone is now rendered more desirable

from the recent interment of her two estimable aunts — in the same family enclosure of living Green — ~~of~~ which has heretofore been only associated with the memory of our beloved Mary — took Lydia Russell to her home & returned her to Andrews before and after our visit to the "city of the dead!" — I was at bro: Andrews and Williams in the ev.g. Thos. R Fisher was with us at tea & D. Read called in the ev.g — which left me little time at 7 30: W.ms or going there to attend my wife home

6th day 23. I was part of the forenoon at the Cg. House, also the latter part of the afternoon and first of the ev.g — called to see them at Bro: Andrews and attend her home, My dear mother was also there — and we rode home in her Carriage

7th day 24th. Went to the Cg House before breakfast and partially returned to day my onerous business cares — called at Mothers and had the company of Thos. R & Eliz.th Fisher to dine. — In the ev.g had a religious visit from Charles Taber & his companion Paul Southwick, Wm. Taber accompanied them, The notice was short but all of the family were present except Thos. — The friend has very moderate mental endowments but much concern for the best interests of others which prompts him to make the sacrifices and endure the trials attendant on this mission of Gospel love, in accordance with his sense of religious duty — This unofficial

devotion to this high principle in this unlearned and humble individual is of itself very instructive — The Masonic Societies of this and the neighboring places have had a convention, and a public procession to day — The first in this plan since the Murder of Morgan — The taste in human beings for mystery and display as shown in this Society is surprising to me

1st day 25th. Walked to the Cemetery before breakfast and put some votive roses on our dear Mary's Grave, and sprinkled the fresh made one of her loved Aunts — wandered some time among the monuments of the departed — whose sad influence was in unison with my own depressed feelings from other causes of disquietude — returned by the way of my West lots and Morgan St — Called at mothers and A. Roberson's to breakfast, and accompanied Jon°. Roberson to my Uncle Wm Rotch Jr's ng. at the Lyceum, at the close I went with him to his aunt Mary and my bro. Wm's family. — At Spring St. mg. in the afternoon, and in the ev. with Ma chez H. to see mother, found that she was at Andrew's and went there — Dr. Rotch was there with reference to Thos.

proposed journey for his health — He seems to think it too great an effort in his weak condition — but that it may nevertheless be prudent not to thwart him in the strong inclination which he has to make the attempt — Alanson Tucker called on us after tea — and we found my nephew Rodman Morgan who has returned within a few days from Penn.a at our house on our return —

2. day 26th At the Cg. Hse about my business most of the day called at Mothers and A. Roberts — our niece & nephew set off to day for home, their cousin Thomas not being well enough to accompany them —

3. day 27th Engaged at the Cg Hse the most of the day — afternoon partly given to the business of the Estate, with reference to the lands in N York State called at Mothers & Mrs. Andrews — at the Cg. Hse in the evg

4th day 28 Occupied at the Cg Hse the Called at Mothers & Andrews — and called on Judge Prescotts about the N York lands Evg. at the Cg. Hse, called at A. Roberts on my return home for my wife who spent the evg — She had left a little before I.a — My nephew Thos expects to set off on his journey to morrow — Our Son Ed.d at Falls Rio to day

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5th. day 29 Went to the Cg House before breakfast — and being detained — was not able to be at the Bank Directors meeting — I called at Jos. Tabers to see Stephen Smith but learned that he was absent at Nantucket, expected to return to day — I rec'd. to day from the Com'r. of Patents at Washington my Specification of the Furnace Chimney to be corrected in the form of the affirmation — This required the writing over of one Sheet with the resigning before witnesses & acknowledgment — the Same persons that acted before being at hand they repeated their doings of 7mo. 19th 20. 1847 — and the document was re mailed for Washington. Went in the afternoon to take a letter relating to the Estate of my father to the depot and to take leave of my nephews Thos. & Fredk. Robeson, who with Thos. wife set off via Fall River and N. York for Schooley's Mountain or some more favorable location in the hope of benefit to the health of Thomas. But I fear it is too late to hope for restoration — at the Cg House in the evening there was an alarm of fire caused by the burning of a Small house in center St.

6th day 30th Went to the Cg House before breakfast and devoted my time to the duties of the place with little intermission till near midnight — Made a call at Geo Harvey's Cg Room — to state to him the desperate aspect of our bill affairs — which appears as though nothing within the Scope of human probability can avert a Catastrophe which will sweep away the results of Years of industry & effort — and bring the sad concomitants of such an crisis in its train not only to myself which I could submit to if not easily but to my immediate family and the name which my venerable dec father so honorably bore — There are considerations in comparison with which property above the necessary wants of our human nature dwindles into insignificance — Oh that a kind Providence would grant a deliverance from these tremendous Calamity — could I but be favored to meet my promises without discredit, or inflicting any pang of apprehension of loss

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or any exciting any suspicion of my honest intentions in the minds of those to whom I am indebted, some of whom are widows and Orphans, by the Sacrifice of all my property except what our necessities require, it would be a great mitigation of my distress — But conscious as I am of correct intentions throughout — I must leave the issue in the hands of the Great disposer of events, who presides, too generally unseen and unheeded, in the affairs of men, and come what may endeavor to retain the faith and trust that however painful the dispensation "He doeth all things well" and strive to educe therefrom the good which it is in mercy designed to confer. My great niece Anna Roberson is with us in the absence of her parents:

7th day 7 mo. 1 Went to the Cg. House before breakfast and was occupied there most of the day — and all of the Cg Stephen Smith of Syracuse called on me there and Went with him through the Factory — his general health seems pretty good

but his vision is very imperfect having lost the sight of one eye wholly, and that of the other is very much impaired — Geo. Hussey called also and brot a memo. of the property to be mortgaged to the seven persons who have agreed to give me their credit by accepting my dfts. for 65000 to keep the St. Mary Mill Co. from failing. —

1st Day 2d. The weather being rainy I forbore my accustomed walk to the Cemetery went to the 5th St. Mg. in the forenoon & at its close called to see my bro: Wm. he is an example of Calm Submission under his heavy affliction — I called also to see Stephen Smith & family. as his brother Jos. Tabers. went in the afternoon to the Spring St. Mg. and called at its close at Mothers and bro: Andrews — We had a Call from cousin Elihu Barney in the twilight, and I took her home in the buggy — I have had less disquiet to day than some others — in consequence of the alarming state of our Factory affairs — both meetings satisfactory — I award to feel some trust in the arm of Divine Providence — disclosed to me there the proposed mortgage of

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At the C.H. house most of the day in the afternoon went to Geo Hussey's C.H. house to meet the Gentlemen who propose to have consented to give me the aid of their names in raising $ money to meet my engagements — The weather was rainy so that only Jn. A. Parker Edw. M. Robinson and Matthew Luce with G. Hussey were there — the Schedule of property to be mortgaged was drawn and agreed to. Amt. $130.000 for Cr. of $65000 for 2 yrs. or not exceed 30 mos. from the date of the 1st Mtge — Returned rather early from the C.H. house — Stephen Smith his wife & daughter and his adopted daughter Recently married now Mrs. Rosa Bush and his Sister Abigail visited the Factory, and I showed them over it aided by my Son Frank, to their apparent Satisfaction

3d. day 4th Spent the morng. in some enquiries & relative to getting in my crop of Hay — Saw E Hathaway and agreed to pay him $3 P. Ton for getting it into the Barn & $4. P. Ton for the other hay I find. a horse for him — Rec'd of the day except a call at brothers at my business at the C.H. house — writ. to Benj. Rotch respecting my inventions and till a late hour writ. mortgage &c —
— I went to the Cemetery to lay an offering

of spotless & sweet flowers on the hillocks con-
secrated to the memory of our dear Mary
and her aunts -
4th day 5th Occupied at the Cg. Hse & most
of the day and evg - called at Elliot & Har-
son's with reference to the papers. for the
credit by which I hope a failure may
be averted — but the absence of both of
the Partners prevented any thing being
done — late at the Cg. Hse
5th day 6th Went to the Bankers Direc-
tors meeting and found a continuance
of the State of things and of feeling which
makes my position so alarming mean
smale and little disposition to give me
any more aid than cannot be decently
withheld — that is among the more in-
fluential members of the board — I
was afterward at Elliot & Harrisons Of-
fice and at the Cg. House - where I
was detained from the 5 to 8 Mg. which
I proposed to attend by the call of a per-
son on business — called to see my aged
mother and spent the evg. till a late
hour on the accounts of the Compy -
6th day 7th Engaged chiefly at the Cg. House
through the day & evg., called to see my dear
aged mother. and in the afternoon at Elliot
& Harrison's Office to see the draft of the documents

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relating to the proposed financial arrangement — the details show strongly the desperate condition in which I am placed — and makes me hesitate in regard to going on with the project — the choice is indeed between two dreadful alternatives — and I pray for the wisdom to decide aright. I was at the Cg. Hse. till about midnight 7 th day 8 th did not go to the Cg. House before breakfast — called after the morng. meal at G.H. Morgan's and had some conversation with him relative to the credit of others to prop up my own and enable me to carry on the cotton mill — saw him afterward at the bank and examined the documents which were prepared in his trouble last winter to secure the Banks who then interposed for his preservation — The conditions in that case were much less onerous than in my own — I was afterward busily engaged at the Cg. House, till the closing of the mail looked over the Boston Papers after dinner and went thro R.R. Depot thence to the Factory and early home to have the company of my dear Mother who with Sister Eliza were with the family at tea — She feels afflicted and solitary in the loss of her two daughters but continues pretty well in physical health. 1 st. day 9 th walked before breakfast after my wonted ablutions and daily Scripture reading to the Cemetery, passing up Morgan Street as far as our lots — Went to meeting with the foremen

at the 5th St. House called after meeting to enquire after my Aunt Mary — She came into the Parlor to see me which was rather unexpected from the late accounts which I had rec'd. She seemed very feeble, but in a very good state of mind — She is patiently waiting I apprehend for her release from the load of disease which She has long been afflicted with — On my return I called a few minutes at Aunt Nancy's — went to my a in the afternoon at the Spring St. Hse — and at its close called with my dear wife at my bro.r Williams — Saw our Niece Anna for the first time since their deep affliction, which opened with more than usual the fountains of Grief — Mr. who came with her yesterday we did not see — but the reports from him were quite favorable, he having been relieved from the violent headache with which he was troubled yesterday afternoon by the use of Chloroform very immediately and effectually. — I called to see my dear Brother & Sister and Bro.r Solitary family after the W.P. meeting 2.d day 10th. Went to Fall River in my buggy to attend the 2nd Day Meg. of the Pocasset Manf.g Coy — — The financial difficulties and trouble which encompass that Concern, add to my own almost insupportable burthen — finished my duty as auditor of the Agents Account. and

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3/ Dined at my brothers — where they are now pretty well — Benj.a having in great measure recovered from the dangerous accident, the disconnection of one of the shafts from the Buggy in which he was riding which made the vehicle to descend S. South main St towards the Town Hall to run upon the animal, by which she was frightened and ran overturning the vehicle and dragging him under it some distance, but he holding firmly to the reins she was stopped near the granite block — I spent some time at the whf — where Chadis work is yet going on — and set off about 5h Ockle on my return — at about 8h stopping at E.M. Millers on the way to try to sell one of my horses — the Gray which I used on the farm — Sad and anxious are these days of financial troubles; and many depressions

3d day 11th. At home before breakfast after that meal had a call from Geo. Hussey to say that he & E.M. Robinson had been to see Capt.n Borden and had obtained the promise of 1000 which was to be paid to day — called at Elliot & Hassons Office and on E. M. Robinson — who went with me to meet S. Borden and complete the transaction by giving my individual note for Edw.d M. Robinson at 4 months with Int. after (not then paid) — The papers are not yet finished to bind me and my property to the fulfilment of the conditions

on which this arrangement is based. — Spent the remainder of the day and ev'g. at my business at the Cy House &c — Called at Mother's

4th. day 12th. Occupied in the forenoon with my Cy House business — called at A. Robeson's, before dinner and again in the ev'g. at Elliot & Hassler's office in the afternoon to look over the Mortgages which are the condition of the guaranty which E. M. Robinson & others are to give to enable me to raise the money (at usurious interest) which my circumstances require to prevent a failure of the St Mihiel Co. — A sad and painful position in the extreme. — Saw my bro: Wm at A. Robeson's. I was also at my mother's — In the expectation of Jon.a Robeson at our house I left the Cy. Room earlier than usual, called at A. Robeson's to ascertain whether my expectation w.d be realized & found that a head ache had prevented the fulfilment of his intention — remained there till about 9 O'Clk and then went to C. M. Morgan's to consult with him on my financial position — looked over the Boston Letter on my return —

5th. day 13th. At home before breakfast — gave some attention to household matters — and then went to see to the proposed arrangement for assisting me in my financial troubles. Saw C. M. Morgan J. D. Elliot & E. M. Robinson & Geo. Hassler and try to avoid the very serious objections which the law raises on the plan which has been struck out — made an appointment to meet my friends on the subject at 3½ P.M.

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and then applied myself to C.J. House duties till the closing of the mail — after a late and lonely dinner I went to Elliot & Rasson's Office and met Jos. O. Delano & M. Robinson Jun. & Parker & Geo. Harvey — They saw the force of my objections to the effects of the form of paper as proposed and it was concluded to make the Securities in such form as to obviate those objections — On return J. to the C.J. House in passing Geo. Howland's whf. bot he accosted me in relation to my Acct. with the Journey bot he wishing it made out forthwith I declined doing this but in an unexceptionable manner, he walked with me to the C.J. Room and stayed probably two hours talking over past events connected with the measures and circumstances which date back to the joint purchase of that property. He talked with more calmness than before but evinced the same adherence to the erroneous, unauthorized and illogical conclusions which he has so often stated but which have no better foundation than the illusions of his indomitable will which make him assume as facts what are only the fictions unconscious fictions perhaps of his own creation — Of course we were no nearer agreement at the close than at the beginning of the conversation — He justified himself in every act and charged all the wrong on me

and all the trouble inconvenience and loss which he assumed as not less than $30.000. to my own evil course — I gave him a patient hearing and I believe made no improper or intemperate remark in reply — The sense of the inappreciable evils which his hostile and unchristian course had brought upon me, and of which the proceedings of this and the last few days have given me such an oppressive consciousness that I felt no disposition to assume any recrimination tone, though I maintained steadfastly my own belief in the propriety of my course —

In his reiterated assertion that I could have made D. G. Sull open the through his land free of expense to the town in 1864 he seemed to make no discrimination between power and right, and because I would not exercise the power at his dictation he laid all the blame to me and whatever evils had followed or might ensue — justifying himself through out, and maintaining that so far from the $2000 which he had rec'd for the street across his land to mine "burning in his hand" he said that he ought to have had $4000. & that a jury would have given it to him, if he had appealed to one, as he might have done, and I could not do, though I wished nothing more than such a decision as his

41 vindictive course — If we came no nearer to an agreement, the difference was not widened by the interview. I take no offence at any of his remarks or wrong charges, and I think he could not take any offence either from the manner or matter of my observations or replies — After G. H. retired I went to my calculations and writing which he had postponed, which occupied me till near midnight; when I took a slow and quiet walk home 6th day 14th Went to Mothers and thee & Hannah after breakfast — and was occupied there through most of the day + eve. G. Howland called about the account — which I told him I had not prepared but would attend to it as soon as I conveniently could. The mail this eve. brought me Letters Patent from Washington for the improved Factory Spinning — their date is the 11th Inst. and my application bears date Pelican 7mo 19 1847 — Whether any profit will come of to me remains to be seen. I have had too much experience of life to be Sanguine — Our little Guest Anna Roberts is confined with the swelling of the Gland or Gland about the neck called botanically the Mumps — no ans. from her father to day — her Uncle Wm & Gt Uncle Jona. set off yesterday to see & the Doctor to nurse him of Scarlet fever

7th Day 15th Engaged at the Office most of the day - called at mothers and bro: Andrews the Rec[d] from T. Robeson an not more favorable. at home about 10 O'Clk

1st Day 16 Walked by the way of the Wed lots to the Cemetery - and laid a few fresh flowers on our dear Mary's grave - returned by Cy & Pleasant Streets - went to mtg. at the 5th St. Hse - a quiet little mtg. with a few short com[ns] - called at its close to enquire after my aunt Mary who was reported by Mary Gifford to be about the same I did not see her though I probably should at a later hour - after leav[g]. Called at bro: Williams and Geo Hussey's - went in the afternoon to Spring St. Mtg. - and called to see Mother at its close, then to the Cy Hse to seek for a paper and met A.G. Hulle at the Factory where I was detained to make some provision for a cooler atmosphere by the means originally provided but not applied - dropping the upper Sashes of the windows a little - late in the Ev[g] Geo Hussey called with the mortages and papers. to complete the arrangement which afford the only hope of sustaining my own credit & that of the Lt mill Co[y]

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2d. day 17th. Rose at 8 this morng. T. D Elliot came to take the acknowledgement of the Mortgage Deeds — of myself & wife — a sad alternative to postpone, in the hope of averting thereby a worse evil — Went to the Bank and was disappointed of a discount — it was therefore necessary to make a journey to procure the money essential to sustain our credit — I therefore made preparation to go to Boston at 10¼ A.M. but I was unable to be at the Depot in season — and finally concluded to go to Newyork and first examine into the State of things there with reference to my embarassed condition — took the cars therefore at 5¼ P.M. and arr.d via Newport or Fall River in the new boat Empire State about 5¼ O.M. on the morning of 3d. day the 18th — took a seat in an Omnibus and got out at the corner of B.dway & Chamber St. which is a very short walk from Bro.d Henry's — I found them at breakfast and joined them at that meal — then to their Office in Wall St. and to Grinnell Minturn & Co. Cottons in the hope of finding some aid or advice which w.d be valuable but in this I was disappointed, Called at Jesup Huntington's and found through them that the only way of getting the needed money was to buy it at from 12 to 15 % Int. in Wall St. This I therefore submitted to and

Reft in the evg. boat (the same by which I
went to the City) and took a ticket for
Boston — found my nephew Fredk Robi-
sson - who reported that his bro: Thomas
was not any better, that he parted with
them at Newark, they to go to Germantown
viz Thos & his wife William & their uncle
Jona - to have the benefit of Dr Elegeis pro-
fessional Services — Saw onboard the Bot.
Jos. Grinnell Jr. & B. Macy &c — arr'd at Fall River
4th. day 19th at 3 P Clk — and were soon on
the Road for Boston — where we arrived ab.6
P.M. a pas — Took my baliise to the Prov:
R.R. depot and then walked round the
N.W. margin of the City by the Lowell &
Fitchburg Depots &c to see the improvements
in that Quarter and to use up the early hours
before I could find the persons whom I
wanted to see at their places of business —
stopped at Kendalls and took breakfast and
called at Josiah Bradlee & Sons and J.E Thayer
& Bro: & Henry Patterson Esq. Officers - found the
State of the money market very close Nothing
to be got but by Pay Exactly — and that Rule
could not longer grant us the use of their money
J.C.T. since that the Papers which I had would
command the money, though at a very severe
rate — took leave of the Pattersons Esq & returned
to join the 11 Clk train — after a warm ride
arrived home at 1 P Clk found the family well
and at dinner and — afterward went to the
C.H. House and devoted myself to my affairs

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till pretty late the latter part of the time quite unwell from a deranged State of the Stomach & bowels - obtained some relief before getting home and to some extent afterward - In that I had a tolerable night

5th. day 20th. Went to the C.S. House after breakfast being rather too late for the Bank Directors meeting. continued my attention to my Concerns there through the day and ev- though not with the energy of good health -

6th. day 21st. Occupied by my business at the C.S. House till the Close of the mail - & after a late dinner called at A. Robertons & Mothers - he left off this afternoon to go to Thomas at Germantown - the account from him being unfavorable. after he started for the Depot I went to the C.S. House and remained there through the ev- - most of the time devoted to preparing for and making an experiment with my improved burner in one of the factory Solar lamps - simply by removing the woven wick tubes and cutting the hood which partly covers the flame - The result was not Satisfactory the quantity of air thrown on the flame was not sufficient to consume the rising Vapor and give brilliancy to the light

7th day 22. At the C of H most of the day called at mothers after breakfast to see Sarah Foster who arrived last eve from Wakefield with her sons Laughton & Rodman and ask them to come with mother & Sister Elder to tea — Gave some attention to adapting a frame to support the Chimney on my plan to the Factory lamp — by Wood Bright & Co — in which we succeeded completely — In the eve. we made trial of it at my house and the light was of first character for Oil — so that on the Centre table in the front parlor the room was brilliantly lighted so that small print could be read with ease in the most remote parts of the room — The lamp which we have long had in use with the Shade & Screen the eyes gave light to the C of round the Centre table in the back parlor — My niece was at work on fine Sewing and was much pleased with the efficiency of the lamp — They retired a little before ten — My dear mother shows some declension from the remarkable brightness for a woman of 90 which she manifested previous to our Domestic afflictions — but she was very pleasant as usual —

1st day 23. Walked to the Cemetery after breakfast and laid the mothers offering of sweet flowers on our dear daughters grave — Attended meeting at the Spring St. House in the forenoon — a friend from Indiana

were there and Spoken at length — called at mothers at its close — not much later news from T. Robeson than that brot. by Sarah Whiten — no change — At the 5th St. m.g in the afternoon, and called at Aunt Mary's & bro.r Williams on my return — the former is very feeble and I did not see her — She having confined herself to her room to day — Had a conv.n with my bro.r about the Pocasset m.g. to morrow & its embarrassed affairs — he will not be at the meeting bro.r B. called here between meetings he is also under great depression from his pecuniary affairs

2.d day 24th Saw G. W. Morgan before he Set off for Fall River. gave him my proxy and as my own affairs required my attention here and Wm. & Benj.n do not so and the subject of an assessment on the Shares is the object of the m.g which cannot be avoided, though very uncertain with me and some others of the Co.y how it can be met — I concluded not to go — Went to the Bank after Breakfast, and got a part of the needed assistance — Occupied as usual at the C.t House & through the day and ev.g — On 3.d day ev.g I made trial

at home of the Factory lamp, with my burner and chimney adjustment with full success as Status, and this afternoon I took it to Geo. Tappan's Store for him to make trial of it —

3d. day 25th. Gave some time in the afternoon to preparing a burner for a lamp which I think of sending to my Cousin J.B. Rotal London with a remote reference to a patent if it shd. be thought of sufficient value to warrant the Expense — The burner was of Cast Iron and had been drilled at the Fac'y. Machine Shop — The finishing was done under my own eye at A.D. Richmond's Shop — and I made one improvement which I think perfects the article — to supply the place of the small drill holes to intersect the wick tubes near the flame I had a narrow Score turned in till it intersected each of 8 Tubes, by which the Object is gained with not more than 1/16 of the labor of the Separate perforations — devoted the rest of my time to Cg. the duties &c and till late in the eve with the Expectation of going to Prov.ce on Factory business to-morrow —

4th day 26th. Went to the R.R. Depot with the expectation of going to Providence but finding that our goods had not gone for-

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heard yesterday as I supposed I concluded to postpone the visit and applied myself to C.J. the duties — Sen Gov Eden? returned to day from a little jaunt of business to Boston & Newburyport & a letter from Providence induces me to forego the visit for the present —

5th day 7th Engaged at my business at the C.J. House — wrote a description of Henry Freeman Chinney to Mr. H. Stacy Ed. of the "Farmer & Mechanic" New York by his request — Got home earlier than usual viz about 10 in the ev'g — Thus a life of back anxiety and privation of social and domestic intercourse seems to be my allotment — may a kind Providence grant a happy deliverance from it before the close of my earthly pilgrimage — Ed[d] dined on one or two of his young friends at the Porter House, our frugal meals in these times of depression affording but a poor compliment on such occasions —

6th day 28th Occupied at the C.J. House most of the day — gave some attention to the operation of discharging the Coal of the Factory ev'g at home — to the having the Company of mother's family including my niece Sarah and her children — five boys, the youngest (Rodman) a charming little pet near 4 yrs old

7th day 29th Occupied at the C.J. House the most of the day — Frank absent, with Thomas on a fishing expedition to the Dumpling Rocks —

called twice at mothers — She being unwell to day but better towards ev^g — I was at home about 9 O'clk very early for me in the times of pecuniary trouble and manufac. depression — P. Howland has sent this ev^g — 1st. day 30th. Walked before breakfast to the Cemetery. taking my lots in the way — P. Howland's lots can be sold me was & Tom Peery & the small barn which was quite full — as his lot N^o. 9 Kempton St. which cost. it — doubtless the work of an incendiary — Went to mothers after breakfast and found her better — my noisy little boy Rodman had a fall from the back steps yesterday which gives his mother some uneasiness — he seems languid with sickness & occasional vomiting went to the bridle meeting & heard a pretty good discourse from Indiana D. Tobey of Prov^ce was also there and spoke — called at aunt Mary's after meeting did not see her — called on returning J. with bro^r. Benj. at C. H. Morgans — Went with ma Chace & Si in the afternoon to hear Mr. Lambert who came here to tea — I went again to mothers at the close of the ev^g. and to J. B. Whites on a matter of business — ev^g at home with Mr. Lambert

2^d. day 31st Went to A. Robinsons to send a letter to Bolton by A. Tucker before breakfast — was too late at the Bank for the Directors

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and devoted most of the day to Cf. Hse
duties &c — where I was till some-
what late in the Ev.g —

3. day Mo. 7. — Engaged a consider-
able part of the forenoon in looking
for the Certificate of my St. Mill
Coy. Stock to complete the mortgage
papers — and with only partial suc-
cess — at the Cf. Hse most of the re-
of the day & ev.g till near 12 — paid
some attention to getting up a lamp
or key plan to send to my Cousin Benj.
Rotch London, in illustration of the
description which I sent to him
some time since — In my walks
to & fro — I met George Howland
several times. he accosted me about
the Accts relating to the Middl. St. Hse.
with some expressment. said he
was dissatisfied and wd not sub-
mit to it — the charge for Care &
attention and personal services, the
only one which I had ever made &
which made the resulting acct. between
us a balance is what he objected
to — he s. he had not time to talk with

me about it – but he wished me to understand that he sh^d not assent to it –
4^th day 2. Went to the C.H. House before breakfast – and was disappointed to learn that the Cotton which we have been expecting at the Factory and for want of which some of the Machinery was stopped yesterday had not arrived – At my return to the House after breakfast I was glad to find the Vessel with the Cotton at the wharf – but there was a greater disappointment in the bad & damaged quality which these out of the four first opened was found to be – A telegraphic despatch was sent to announce the fact to the persons of whom the Cot was bo^t. 2/3 of w^h yet rem^d. behind – Mother Sister Eliza and their guests Sarah Wister and her two children & Mr. Lambert dined with us – and our niece Ellis. Wells was with us at tea – Mr. L. at E.S. Pitch I was down Street in the afternoon – Mother & Sister E called at Aunt Mary's – the former brought an affecting account of the feeble state of her health a few weeks apparently will close the scene – We had a very pleasant visit the efficiency of my lamp was much admi

by the light of which after they retired I read with all the facility of noon day the part of the unequaled Speech of Horace Mann in the H. of Rep^ves on the newly acquired territory in Oregon & Mexico — reported in S.M. (Boston) Advertiser of this day — our sons at the "Free Soil" meeting of this Cong^l Dist^t for choosing delegates to the Convention at Buffalo on the 9th inst —

5th day. Engaged at the Ct House &c. through the day and evg — two busy and anxious days to attend to — as I wished to do — had a conference at U.P. Rodman's Ct room with himself Ch^s and Benj^n on the condition of the Pocasset Company in imminent peril of failing — an assess^t ordered on the 10th and a large debt due at Nantucket the same day — late at the Ct. Room. The desperate state of the St Louis Ct. & itself is enough to task all my means and energies —

6th day 4th Still engaged with little of hope to sustain me in the toils of the Ct. House once made ten fold more wearisome by the depressing prospects of the future — another short and distracting conference on the Pocasset concerns — late and toilsome hours

at the C. Hill in the [illegible] went thro' the mill 54
[illegible] Langhorn
[illegible] day 5th Dredging under a load of
Cane Laundry at the C. Hill & through
the day & Evg — an unsatisfactory
letter [illegible] day about the Cotton which came
of very inferior quality on wh. acct.
C. Smith left for N. York yesterday
[illegible] day 6th Walked before breakfast to the Cem-
etery taking my S. & W Lots in the way, I placed
some fresh flowers on the Spot consecrated to
the memory of our dear Mary and irrigated
the turf over her beloved ashes — Her dying
injunction not to forget her will with life only
fail to be remembered — Dear Sweet and Cher-
ful Spirit she had fortunately fair con-
ception of the sad difficulties which present
any embarassments were about to spread
over the prospects of those she so loved and
left behind — but the thought that she was
in mercy taken before she could share in
those adversities — and is translated to a
Sphere where Sorrow cannot follow her
is a Consolation in our own bereavement
— But it becomes us not to be despond-
ing — The Conscious endeavor to do right
and the conviction that over all presides a
Power who called us into being to be
what should animate hope and sustain
our faith — that whatever adversity may
yet be in Store for us it will be in kindness

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Sunt — returning I passed in the rear of Thos Robeson's house and by my N°. lots to the wharf where I had the refresh. ment of a Salt water bath — attended Meetings at Spring St. House — called on Aunt Mary's. — who is too feeble to leave her room, also at C. W. Andrews and Mothers — rem'd the day — and eve at home — J Hammond with us at tea and C W. A. called in the eve

2°. day 7th At the Cy. House early to write by the early train to Boston but failed in getting my letters there in season — applied to business through the day and eve — at the Bank Directors mg. in the morng.

3°. day 8th Occupied by my Cy. House business through the day came home to tea to have the company of Mr. Lambert and Mr. Salter who were with us by invitation they returned pretty early and I was busy in making preparation to obtain Edw. W. Robinsons acceptances for raising money on them to meet the liabilities of the St Mills Co.

4th. day 9th Rose early and obt. my frd. E. W. Robinsons name on my paper, and a letter of introduction to his brother Wm A. Robinson Prov°. to engage him to aid me in getting

third & Cathed — went to Fall River and thence by the boat to Prov[ce] — He was out of town so that I did not see him called on J. D. Brown - but I failed to get any money. Called at the Bleachery and rode to the Valley Works — saw our goods and — looked round the works — had an interesting conversation with Mr Connell the Superintendent on Steam Engines and on returning to the City (about a mile) I examined the finest and most perfect Engine which I ever saw having a perfect arrangement for keeping the motion steady by adjusting the cut off motion of the St[m] Valves to the Regulator so that it goes with the utmost regularity and with great efficiency — the invention of Mr. Corliss of the firm of Corliss Nightingale & the two builders — left Prov[ce] at 4 P.M. for Boston — & about 6 & took lodging at the Pearl St. House — and went to East Boston after tea to see Edw[d] Howland about my lamp burner

5th day 10th after breakfast went to Almy Patterson & Co's Store and called at Dodge & Tuckers A & A Lawrence and Fox & Minis to talk on the State & prospects of the Cotton business & which is more discouraging than ever — Called also at J. E. Thayer & Bro's about money, and this not less so.

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Went to Sam'l Orcutts machine Shop
about my lamp burners but did not find
him — Set off in the Cars for home and
arr at 6 P.M. on Sat. Edm.d joining us at
Norton — found all pretty well little
Anna Roberts cough not quite well
Henry Johnson & Eleazer Mitchell called
in the evgn — Our Sons at the Whig Mg.
consequent upon the disgraceful conduct
of the Mayor in relation to the meet-
ing where addresses were expected from
Mr. Evans of Maine & Mr Lunt — who-
were prevented in their intention by the
selfish and partizan action of Mr Hilton
greatly to the disappointment and regret
of the great majority of the people.
6th day Attended to business at the Cy.
House & with a heavy heart at the pros-
pect before us — at the Cy. House till
late in the evgn
7th. day 12th Most of the forenoon was
taken up in relation to recordg. the
mortgaging instruments for the Co. w.
I have accepted me — and the rest of
the day in Corrg by telegraph & with
Pson.s in Boston in regard to funds. had

A Call from Edw. Howland in relation to
buy Lamb Covers. he had rec'd an offer to
make them at 80 ℔ ca. for 100 — This
I think too high — called late as the
Store in the ev'g. Chiefly in cutting a Shade
for my Lamb to go to London —
1st day 13th Rose tolerably early and took
my accustomed walk to the Sacred repos-
itory of the mortal remains of the loved
ones who blessed us in days that are
passed — and who now watch over
us from their Safe and high abodes in
near Communion we trust with the be-
neficent father of all and the Redeem-
er of our erring race, who has open-
ed and still opens with the loving light
of his divine Spirit the path which
leads to heaven — Mr. & Mrs. Phipps
were lingering about the spot consecra-
ted to their bereavement, while offer-
ed a flowery tribute and watered the
grass which springs above our Dr.
Mary's lowly bed — returning I stop-
ped at the Library and bathed in the briny
flood — attended Mg. at Spring —
Fifth and Union Streets houses — in
the ev'g. in the latter when I heard a thrill-
ing Sermon from Andw Peabody the
Christian Character — Susan Smith

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I of Burlington preached at 5 P.M. St and the Rev in the afternoon was nearly Silent — I called at Mothers and Roberson's — and was obliged to attend to some business at the Ex House — Mr. Lambert was here at tea, from whom I expended myself to hear A. Peabody for whose character I have long had a high regard — I was obliged to devote the last hours of the ev to business cares — from which on this blessed day I have the misfortune not to be always exempt in these sad days of man's effort.

2. day 14th Many cadious business matters have occupied the most of the day — we learned this afternoon that a Telegraphic despatch had announced the death of my nephew Thos Roberson at Edmonton yesterday — I called at his father's but saw no one, after tea at the Ex House I called again and saw the family — who have had a heavy addition to their load of grievous sorrow; called at Mother's

Sithence was there it was as two and through the w[eek] —
3d. day 15th Engaged at the Cg. House &c till the closing of the Mail in the afternoon — after a late dinner I walked to Thos. Robesons — saw Atkinson & Fred[k] — and learned that the funeral was to take place to morrow afternoon — returned to the Cg House and spent the ev[g] —
4th day 16th Occupied in the forenoon at the Cg. House and till late dinner hour, in the afternoon attended with the family the funeral of my nephew Thomas R Robeson — a quiet & silent meeting preceded the procession to Oak Grove Cemetery where the interment was made in a lot on the east side, the remains of their little Andrew had been removed previously from the spot in their garden where they had been deposited, now to repose by the side of those of his father — There are sad passages in human destiny but in the view of their Providential character they must be nevertheless kind and merciful — and if they have their proper effect in raising the thoughts and affections of surviving friends to the only unfailing source of Consolation and happiness. a daily & hourly communion, and walk with God, we shall

knows as well as believes them to be such
— Returned home with the family
and — in the ev. went again to the
C.J. House — I called on my way
down — the morng. at A. Robesons &
saw Mrs. the first time since sick-
ness which preceded the fatal illness
of his two mothers — he now looks
very well, and I believe is so —
5th day 17th At the C.J. House & in the fore-
noon and till the closing of the mail —
Spent some time in looking over the Bos-
ton adv — and went again to the C.J. Hse
— returned at 7 O'clk. to meet B Kennison
in relation to the Sale of our farm. house &c.
it came and past services from occasions
— did not find him but rode with
Mrs. to see him at his house, and met
him on return to the C.J. House — and sold
the horse for 15 — 10 more to be given here-
after if he proves able to do the light
work on the R.R. Road to which he
is wanted — The belief that he will be
kindly and moderately used is a great
reason for my accepting the offer, as
I would rather part with him as a gift
than have the good little animal
misused and abused — remained at

the Cg. House till pretty late — called at Mothers — and found her comfortable ma chere H. made a sympathetic visit to Sibyl Roberson, and was at Bro.s Wm's in the ev.g

6th day 18th Engaged at the Cg. House with the distress S. affairs of the Factory in the forenoon — too much worried at the state of things to bring much to pass — Fr. went this day to Prov.ce to get some money but did not succeed as I expected at the Cg House in the afternoon and at home in the ev.g Wm Baker & Ch.s Randall being with us at tea made some observations on my Lamp burned about 3 hours consum.g 3/128 of 9/10 of a pint of R.W. Oil @ 4/4 a pint (36 4/4 C.C.) at a cost 2 3/4 4 probably 1 4/4 C. hour would be the cost of the light at its highest Splendor, the wicks being short, the light waned at the latter part of the burning

7th day 19th Went to the Cg. House before breakfast and devoted myself to its duties most of the day & ev.g — Gave some attention to starting the windmill pump at the Oil Works — on the direct application of the power, taking away the gearing by which it was proposed to make the power applicable to some of the operations of the

Brandy — the experiment has proved that it was not to be relied on the wind being too much obstructed by the adjacent buildings there to be with the friction of the Gearing to be fully equal to the pumping for watering the Shed adequately in the Summer. when it is most needed for Safety against fire and the preservation of the Shed Roof from decay by the Saline quality of the Sea water.

— The pump works better by the simplifying of the machinery — I was late at the Cg. House — a class mate of the — son of the late Daniel Parker was with the family at tea — he is preparing for the Ministry in the Episcopal Church —

May 20 th Walked to my West lots and called at one of the occupants of my house there on a matter of business, to find out the cause of our different ideas as to rent paid by an examination of his receipts from me — found myself in error, I have omitted an entry — thence to the Cemetery to buy some plants flowers on the turf which Shields our dear dear Mary's earthly remains, and Sprinkle the Grass on this and the two adjacent hillocks, thence to the wharf to plunge into the water — and in this act

I met with an accident which illus-
trates the perils through which we pass
unlooked for and often unknown which
might in a moment terminate our mortal
Career — as I rose up to dive with a
bound into the water the projecting Sup-
port of the Staging of the Ship under the
side of which I was, was struck with
great force — had it not been a plane
Surface, with no metallic or other projec-
tion to prevent a glancing stroke, I might
have fallen unconscious into the water
to rise in life no more — but as it was
the wound was only an abrasion of the scalp
without any Stunning effect — as I was
alone — I could scarcely have been relieved
by others — Under this fresh indication of
the very uncertain tenure by which we
hold on life. I'll be stimulated to seek a
State of preparation for the Change which
cannot be far distant and may be very
near by seeking to conform my Tho's and
conduct to the Divine Will, to seek
his counsel and walk in the light of his
redeeming Love — Went to the 5th St.
Meetg — Aft & called at Aunt Mary's at
its close — She permitted me to see her
in her room — Sitting in her Chair with
great debility and exhaustion, She had a
meek submissive countenance which
told of divine support under the extra-

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ordinary affliction — as has been my impression on many of my recent visits — It is probable that a very few weeks will terminate her protracted sufferings — and then will I trust joyfully welcome the bright transition which awaits her — Saw Mothers & A Robinson's families afterward — and went to the Sp. & St. Mg. in the afternoon — Rem: of the day at home — The cares & pecuniary troubles which surround me weigh heavily on my Spirits — but I must strive more & more to acquire those Spiritual treasures which are not liable to depreciation or decay — Retired very early — my physical powers demanding the refreshment of Sleep — Mr Chace & read to me after tea some portions of a manuscript Volume by J. J. Gurney touching his intercourse with and reflections on some his Christian friends in & out of his Religious Society.

2 day 21 — Rose early & went to the Cg Hse — remained at home some time after breakfast — and then to the Work Hse — where I was engaged in relation to some operations for getting better water for our Steam Works — The factory being stopped a day to repair the boilers — this and Cg Hse duties took up the rem: of the day — & eve — After Corner of Mn: & Cheapside called out on Sons — about 10 O'clock it was soon got under

3. day 22. — In the trouble that oppresses me at the pecuniary embarrassments which surround me — I have given some attention to the workmen who have been employed in uncovering the logs which conduct the water from the Wabash above Pinchase St. to the dock down Hillman St. — One log was taken up and the end of the others plugged up to let the State of those above and a pipe put in to see if the water wd. rise perpendicularly — but it did not rise to flow over — as we hoped it would do — I gave some attention to office duties in the day and devoted the E.[vening] to them with a heavy heart then were two alarms of fire the one a false alarm & the other occasioned by the incendiary burning of my bro.[ther] C. H. Morgans Hay Stack, near his small barn on Morgan St — The barn through within two or three feet was saved by the firemen — another alarm from the same cause occurred in the night — but without extending the loss beyond the hay

4th day 23 — Went early to the depot to send to Phoe.[nix] for some money, which I have been raising them on C. H. Robinson's acceptances at high rates of Int. — and passed a very discouraging morning & forenoon about the factory — stopped to

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to repair the boilers on 2d day and continued for failure of the pumps to supply any water the mg. following — took up another log in the street, and found a leak at the next junction, occasioned like the first to the settling of the land which was formerly my repairg dock — On applying the gas pipe again, the water rose and flowed over the top about 15 or 20 ft — Thoug that there was no other important leak near by — The qty. of water however at this season is inconsiderable, probably not more than 4 gls. a minute) — was about the mill and premises except writing a letter or two till near mgt — and then spent the evg. in the Cg. House, with a heavy heart

5th day 24th Rose early and remained at home readg. in the bible and writg up this diary till breakfast then to the Cg House factory with apprens Spirits — The mill runs again as usual — The only reason discovered (which does not satisfy me) for the failure of the pumps to draw water was the displacement of the valve of one of the pumps — Met with some embarrassment in procuring funds for a pay. in Boston

to-morrow and — anticipate more for another Pay^t. falling due. Need to be provided for on y^e day at the Latest — had a conversation with ma chere H on the sad prospect before us unless relief comes from some quarter not now apparent — But let not our faith fail Our Heavenly Father knoweth the wants of all his creatures, and his bounty is directly or indirectly the support of all — Let us trust in the Lord and walk in fear and love — and we shall not be confounded — Though troubles may come like a flood they will not overwhelm us — Our dear Mother & Sister Elizer and Aunt Nancy Potter were with us at tea — Thos & Ed. began a course of French Lessons this eve 6^th day 25^th Engaged at the Fact^y and Cg. House till late dinner — then as the Carpenters were Ceiling the Cg. Room overhead to prevent the falling of the plastering by the jarring of the Picker work. I advised the men in getting up the water log with a view of using the water which they convey from Springs near purchase S^d to the Boiler House — afterward went to the Cg. House and was employed there till 8 was surprised to find it was past 12 Oclk — Edm^d left this afternoon for Newport on business —

7^th day 26^th — Forenoon — Fam abroad on a excursion in the Roger Williams Steam

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Boat to Newport — myself occupied in clearing up the C.S. Room after the Carpenters and in making some financial arrangements — In the afternoon at the C.S. House and ev.g. at the Whig Meeting for the choice of Delegates to the Convention at Worcester to fix upon State Officers & Presidential Electors — at which a Speech was made by H. G. O. Colby on the Presidential Candidates — at its close I went to the C.S. House to complete some unfinished business — My Bro.r Benj.a & his Son William were with us at tea — I being at home to go to the Political Meeting — on acc.t of the division in the Whig party under the leadership of Abm.m H. Howland who without any suitable qualifications aspires to represent this district in the next Congress — which faction with the aid as Spectators from the Democ.c party held a large meeting for the same objects last ev.g

May 29 Walked before breakfast to the cemetery and then to the wharf to take a bath before breakfast — went to the Sn.g.s St. Mng. House A.M. & P.M. called at to enquire after Aunt Mary and learned that she had not left her bed since this day week when I saw her in her chair — Her life is gradually wasting away

— and she waits the time allotted in a patient submissive frame of mind — My Bro^r Wm & Benj^n were also there — — Jer^h Winslow whom I met at meeting came home with me to tea — He gave us a discouraging prospect for the French nation in their Revolution — who he thinks very inauspicious for the happiness or prosperity of the people — he left us pretty early and afterward made a Call at Brothers & A Roberts — Mg read & conversed to the bible

2. day 28th Spent the day at the C.J. House, also chiefly the eve — — The trench for the new line of logs to convey the water from Peirce's Spring

3d. day 29th. Engaged at the C.J House the most of the day and all of the eve — Our sons Wm & Sm. called at J. Arnolds to see our Fr^d J. Winslow's son Edw^d —

4th day Called after breakfast at James Arnolds to see Jer^h Winslow & his son — The former soon retired to go to the Steamboat for Martha's Vineyard — Edward is an artless frank young man talk with a slight foreign accent — I devoted the rem^r of the day & eve to the C.J. House & business of the factory — Cousin Sarah Arnold called here to day & Eliz^a Young Winslow in

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1st Day — Our Son Edwd. got home from Newport where he has been on business again —

5th day 31st — Devoted my time to Cg House and Factg. business — The new line of water logs to convey the water which runs from the Springs above Purchase St. to the Boiler House were laid to day — The qty. of water at this season is small by measurt. yesterday - it was found to be 1 Gl. in 17 Seconds or 3½ Gls P. Min. to or 210 Gls P. Hour or 160 bls. in 24 hours — Mother Sister Eliza were here at tea — I went to the Depot before breakfast to send a small parcel to our Dear daughter Ellen who with her Cousin Clara were taken by her Uncle Charles on 3d day to make a visit at Fall River — The anxiety of my business relations is very trying — But I must seek best direction in the distressing path which I have to tread and look to those higher Sources of Wisdom, Support and aid which are vindicated by faith in our Heavenly Father as revealed by the Gospel of Christ — confiding in the assurance that his Mercy is over all his works and that his favor will not be withdrawn from those who Seek him in sincerity and truth —

6th day 9th Mo 1 — At home before breakfast except in the forenoon at the Cg House. at

my business till the despatches of the day were prepared for the Mail — after a Solitary dinner as is not unusual — I went to funeral of Dr. Roches daughter — who died a few days since after a lingering illness — in which this young and innocent girl evinced strikingly the Peace hope and assurance of a disciple of Christ Sister Phoebe has often been to visit her, and from what She has told me is the chief ground of this belief — never myself having seen her except long since on one or two occasions in Company when her modest and quiet manners were well accordant with purity of Soul — of which her delicate and youthful Countenance was a fitting Symbol — Mrs Chen & Sister & I we preceded me to the Ch — I went to the House and walked by Mourning procession to Grace Church where the prescribed Services were performed — and the procession re-formed for the last visit of Man of the earthly remains, the former tenement of a pure & heavenly Spirit recalled to its more congenial home — I returned from the Ch. to my Cg House duties — had a call in the way from Lindley Fisher & Whitson who are just ending a tour thro' Penn. from Phila via N York & Hall River 6th day 9 m. 7. Engaged at the Cg House and factory the logs for diverting the water from Purchase St to the Factory were placed to day — I was at the Cg House in the a.m.

7th day 2d — Engaged at the Cg House — and gave attention in the afternoon to endeavors to remedy the defective action of the wind

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pump at the Oil works — it having been out of order some days — but did not satisfactorily ascertain the Cause — eve at the Eg House — an hour or a party to the Dancing rock in compliment to Edw Winslow the returned between 7 & 8 and reported having had a pleasant day —

1st day 3 — Went to the Oil works with Horatio Leonard to try the wind pump as there was a good breeze — failed to make it work then took a sea water bath and walked to the Cemetery to strew some spotless lilies sweet emblems of dear daughter on the spot hallowed to her memory — Called after breakfast at J Arnolds to ask J. Winslow to tea his son Edw. having been invited by Edw he had left for the Lyceum meeting whither I followed him. and at its close gave the invitation which he declined but Edw he would Call in the eve — in the afternoon went to both of the other Friends. Mg — Called at Aunt Mary's before dinner — M. Gifford reported her very low — but not quite so feeble as yesterday — Stopped with Bro Wm on my return from Aunt M's where I met him. Called after Mg at C. M. Morgan's as they expect to set off to-morrow for Phila & perhaps Dan cannon

with their d^r Emily & family whose daughter Helen is in very poor health and not likely to be well again — They go to Consult Dr Eleazer — Edw^d Winslow with us at tea & his father & Ch^s Randall were here in the ev^g — Edw^d is a frank & and simple hearted intelligent young man — and we had an agreeable visit though I was sorry what Scandalized that the boys th^y have taken him in the garden to confirm the bad habit of smoking — to which when he left France he was not addicted — the habit being I suspect as little pleasant to his father as that in my boys is to me

2^d day 4^th Occupied with my business at the C.H. House & all day — in the ev^g went to the "Free Soil" Meeting and an interesting report of the Buffalo Convention, which was very numerously attended and the proceedings marked by the greatest unanimity — The Selection of Martin Vanburen however is very unfortunate except as to the Locofoco party — who like their leader have been culpably reckless on the Slavery — There was great reason for a reform in their ranks and I hope it is sincere — It is moreover a great pity that the Whig Candidate is not clear & decided on the Wilmot proviso, that they might test their principles and carry them out with certainty by giving their Votes & Suffrages — The meeting detained me till near 10 O Clk & then I had to go to the C.

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to put away my books for the night. On getting home I learned that my D. Aunt Mary was very low and that Ina Chin & Thos had gone there — I followed as soon as I could but as I was about leaving the house a call from T. D. Elliot apprised me that she had just breathed her last — I was there in J. and learned that she passed away very quietly and like falling asleep. Thus has another very superior woman been removed from our family Circle — of very fine and noble as well as very attaching qualities — Her protracted suffering from the disease which has so long afflicted her, in connection with her presumed preparation for the change takes away all ground for mourning on her behalf — for our own privation and the rending asunder those ties of affection which bound her to us we must mourn. As no services were required from either of us three we soon left the house where She has been wont to welcome and interest all who resorted to it to share her company — Her devoted friend & Nurse, is thus left bereaved, but there was a quietude & Serenity about the establishment in unison with the com

for able assurance that to the dear departed relative & friend it was a blessed Change.
3 day 5th Called at my dear Aunts late residence after breakfast and again after dinner to see if I could be of any Service — But nothing was required — Mr Chase H. called to see my dear aged mother who feels increasingly Solitary as her children and Sister are called from Earth — wrote a letter to my Cousin Eliza Farrar at Cambridge to inform her of our dear Aunts decease — and sent by the hand of our friend Jer. H. Winslow who left in the mid day train — Devoted myself to my necessary Ch. Hse & factory business
4th day went to the depot also before breakfast to send information to Fall River of the time of the funeral, and called at the house to offer Services and look again on the remains of my beloved Aunt — most of the forenoon was spent with reference to the funeral arrangements — called at Mothers &c — after dinner viz a little before 4 Ollie me repaired in C.H. Morgans Carriage (his family being absent) to our aunts late residence where the relatives & friends collected to pay the last tribute of respect to her memory — a Solemn Pause of about an hour preceded the removal and procession to the Oak Grove Cemetery — where the lot next South of that appropriated to Mrs. P. R. Rodmans family had been secured

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7/ by her request shortly before my arr.. to death — On return J. remained with my family at home through the wk. — We had some expectation that my sister Lydia & her husband would have taken tea with us before their return to Fall River but they with mother Sister Eliza bro: Wm & Benj: & Uncle & Aunt Rotch returned to the house and took tea there Cousin Eliza Farrar arr: from Sandwich to day —

5th. day 7th. Called at mothers, and before dinner at Aunt Morris to see Mary Gifford & Eliza Farrar — and devoted the rest of the day to business duties at the C.G. House & from which I returned early in the wk — In a chaise H went to see our niece Sybil whom she has frequently seen since her affliction. She was also at Aunt Mary's — where she has been much since the memorable wk. of the 4th — when her Spirit gently parted away from earth — Frank went on 3. day to bring our dear Ellen from her aunts at Fall River where she had a delightful visit — together with her little Cousin Clara who left there on 2. day wk. with her family for Phila &c. —

6th. day 8th. Called at Mothers at a chaise H's request to ask her to an early tea a visit by an engagement of the same kind at Jer- emiah's prevented her acceptance — I have been occupied about my business with

depressed Spirits at the financial diffi- 78
culties before me — I was then confined
till late in the W.J. at the C.J. House — Our
Son Frank & daughter Ellen went to Mid-
dleborough with C.H. Morgan's carriage
to bring in his daughter Elizabeth. —
7th day 9. H. Called at Mother's — and applied
myself to the affairs of the C.J. House and
factory — had Calls there from Wm. Hemy-
and B.S. Rotch — who informed us that
they had sold all of the Goods which they
had in the brown State — at the minimum
price of 6½ & a dis. from that on the large
sales — with more judgment and Self
reliance they would have obt. 33⅓ p.c
more for them or a portion of them a year
or more ago — Dr Barton and Cousin
Susan called here to day — Spent the
Eve.g at the C.J. House.
1st day 10th Took a Salt water bath at the
Wharf before walking to the Cemetery to Scat-
ter fresh flowers on the hillock hallowed by
the memory of our dear Mary At M.J. at
Spring St. House All day at that & the 5th St.
House in the afternoon — baths not being to
long for the appropriate meditations need
in the bible and in the Memoirs of Mrs Allen
— whose bright example we may well em-
ulate, & those whose position & Circumstances
will permit them to act on his Philanthropic
principles — I would fain do so at a hum-
ble distance but it is not in my power
and with a heart to feel for the privations &
Others need to prompt me to administer to their comfort

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I am obliged ~~to~~ withhold all demonstration of sensibility in acts — would that it were otherwise — would that the Spectre of insolvency did not moreover hamper me with more pungent regrets lest the claims of justice as well as of society ~~shall~~ be postponed — Called between meetings at Uncle Williams to see him and aunt and their guests Dr. Barton & daughter & his wife late the widow of my dr cousin Thomas — — Called after the close of the afternoon mgs. at Mothers and after tea at my bro. Benj.n — and on viewing Sybil Roberson, Lacy Macbeth & then ~~to~~ and calling for her on my return from my brothers — She is sad and desolate in the fair house ~~in the~~ erected by my nephew in the hope of its long enjoyment with his wife & children — The ev.g was very pleasant by the bright moon and agreeable atmosphere

2.d day 11th At home before breakfast and about my business at the Cs Hse and Lacy. R. through the day — at dusk I set off to walk a couple of miles to see Geo W. Tisdale for whom with George Stowell I became security for the purchase money of a mansion Seine ~~to~~ by them of Pope & Thornton — but the latter died ~~a~~ year ago — ~~but~~ suddenly last Spring when they had a fair prospect of fulfilling their engagement and the handsome proportion of the Stipulated price which he had collected near

lost — the Lawyer was thus deprived of the earnings and his plans and the means of their accomplishment frustrated — and I have nothing to do but to pay the money and rely on the mortgage of the Seine and of a piece of Salt marsh at the Cove for my indemnity — Spent all of the ev'g. there chiefly in Conversation relative to the adjacent Salt Marsh, comprising 30 acres which might with very little expense be flowed to make an ice pond. If the land or the privilege of flowage could be obtained — Walked home by the S.ᵗ Dartmouth Road and

ar.ᵈ about 11¼ Pde

3.ᵈ day 12.ᵗʰ Devoted my time to the claims of business till late dinner hour, Calling however to see my mother — Spent some time also at my brother Wm C.ʸ House — His domestic Sorrow weighs heavily upon him — I learn that my aunt Mary's Will which gives the whole of her property to Mary Gifford & T. D. Eldridge excites considerable remark in Town — I regret that She has shown so strikingly her alienation from her family, and her exclusive fondness for those two individuals, worthy though they are — from any regard to my aunts Memory — towards whom I should wish that all could feel only kindness & respect — after dining Francis and

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I walked to Geo. H. Tripps to have the deed completed as prepared yesterday, going by the way of the Cove marsh, the Cove, Ice house and Padanaram Neck tracing the Shore till near the lat:. of the village — it was dirk when we were at G. H. T. and after accomplishing the business walked to the marsh - and had some talk on the Capabilities of the locality — came home by the Old Cey. Road and got here about ½ before 9 - We probably walked 8 or 9 miles on the route —

14th day 13th Went to the Cg. Hill before breakfast with the hope of setting off pretty early in the forenoon for Fall River but having no horse of my own I had to depend on my friends — Ch' being busy I got the loan of mothers and got off after an early dinner reached the Village about ½ past 3. and staid there &c till dark — the Street wall is about done but the Wharf wall at the Centre & NW abutment requires some rectification to make a level surface, and to do this will require another week — before starting on my return I called at Sister Lydia's and staid near half an hour — learned that our Nephew A. Robeson Jr who has an attack of erysipelas is better, so as to be thought out of danger — gave Sister L her first knowledge of Aunt Mary's Will — which in its exclusive appropriation of her large property surprised her as well as it had others, in this place — She united with me in regrets that for our aunt's sake alone it had been otherwise — it being painful that any thing should lessen the respect which we would have had less Memory always inspire —

Had a brilliant moon light to ride home in: this though the atmosphere was chilly – made it very pleasant – These quiet rides are favorable for reflection – reached home at 4 Oclk. –

Friday 14th – Went to the Bank and obtained a little aid but very much less than I require in a few days – and this gives me much anxiety – attended to my business through the forenoon – and in the afternoon viz. at 4 Oclk to attend the Funeral Services on the death of two of Geo. A Bowers Children – one 8 and the other perhaps 4 yrs. old – they were interred in one Coffin – it was a beautiful object but deeply sorrowful that what appeared the placid Slumber of Juvenile innocence was a sleep that knows no waking to scenes of earth – another of their Children about 2 years old is very sick so that there is much anxiety for it – the elder died of a fit brought on by eating Cranberries – the others disease was dysentary of which the younger is also sick – The only other child is an infant of about a year – Rev. Mr Weis officiated in the Religious Services after a solemn pause – Our Niece Sybil & two of her Children were there – I spent the rem. of the afternoon and part of the eve. at the Office – and then went to the Whig meeting – which was addressed by Mr Lincoln of Illinois in a pretty sound but not a tasteful Speech – Our Firs. was on a

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party with a few of his young friends to Sandpoint Island - from which he returned quite late.

6th day 15th. Occupied by the state of the Factory and C.H. the duties through the day the Engine having been obliged to be stopped by another failure of the Steam pump - the defect which destroyed its action - after a very long and persevering exam. was found to be in the rapid corrosion of the Iron where the Comp.n Valves came in Contact. Had permitted one of the valves to have its Check so that - it remained open on the reverse Stroke of the Piston - Oc.d bill late in the ev.g Prepar.g to go on financing business to Prov.ce & Boston tomorrow.

7th day 16th. Left home after an early breakfast to take the early train to Prov.ce - but I missed it by supposing that it started at 6 o'c. when the time was 6¼ Oclk - I could do no other therefore than go by the way of Fiskeville at 7 Oclk - we were delayed at two points for the 1st. trains on the Taunton & F. River branches so that we did not get to Prov.ce till 35 or 40 minutes after the usual time - called at Geo. W. Jewett's Office - and had but a few minutes to converse with him, as Davis had to see what could be done in Boston - called at Almy Patterson & Hoar at J.E. Thayer & Bro.s - F.M. Wilder's Office he not being in - to prepare a power of atty. for representing him at the mg.s of the Stockholders of the N.E. Bank. Thence to his house 47 Portland

St. and had it signed — saw also his wife who gave a rather discouraging account of their business prospects — called at the Post Office and found that the mail closed at 3 O'clk which hour was their passage to N. Pltz. Store to write a letter to send forward by some passenger in the noon Train Supposing the Prov. & N. Brd cars formed one train to Mansfield — but in this I was mistaken, each being carried by an independent engine — at the distance in time of half an hour — The Conductor of the N. B. train introduced me to a Conductor of the 5 O'clk Steam B. train, and thus I sent my letter and obviated the necessity of my being myself the bearer of it as I had proposed to be — At Mansfield we were detained an hour by the non-arrival of the train from Taunton, the passenger Cars having thrown off the track by some part of the break giving way and falling on the rail. — The train however, but just started from the Norton Station, was not under much Speed and no injury of consequence was done — My mission was only partially successful — the money market more Stringent than of late — Sad & sorrowful business this, of raising money at such times —

1st day 17th Took a Salt Water bath and walked to the Cemetery before breakfast attended Mgs at Friends Houses — in the afternoon both Spring & fifth St. Called to see Mary

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Gifford & mother — and in the evg went with ma Chez H, to see Dr. Read who is yet quite ill though improv for the last week —

2d. day 18th. This has been an anxious day heavy pay.ts to make & not provided with the means — at Bank and had to press my claim to get a partial accom.n for a few days — succeeded in borrowg. the sum.s for a day or two of my bro.r Wm.s — had the Compy. of mother & sister Eliza to dine and in the evg — Fras. went to Prov.ce on business to aid me in the means of meetg the debts for mon.y borrowed & to pay — he did not get any —

3d. day 19th. Occupied at the Office — this afternoon the main bevel wheel of our Engines broke, occasioned by the breaking of a Cog & the lodging of the fragment in the wheel while passing the point of contact — this is a nice item to our Catalogue of great discouragements in connection with the Mill — which threaten to swallow up every thing — Wrote to C. H. Morgan relative to E. H. Robinson with whom I had a previous Consultation —

4th day 20th Engaged in the morng. and forenoon at the C.H. &c - had a second interview with Edw.d M. Robinson and plan[illegible] to go to Fall River to see about the winding up of my whip business with one of B.M. Morgans horses — found that one had been injured by running away with his traces and that the other was at work — As it was important that I should go - I finally concluded to take a seat in the 5 1/4 O'Clk Cars — met my bro.r Micah at Mystics returning from Boston and after walking round by twilight as well as I could I passed the time of the eveng. at Bro.r Smith's house looking over our accounts — and the outstanding bills against same &c — then went to my brothers and talked till 12 O'Clk — with him & my sister — who with the family are pretty well —

5th day 21st Rose pretty early - and had a good opportunity to work round my whip - the job for the present being to be finished to day — and after giving the requisite directions for doing the appearances covered &c I returned in the 8 O'Clk train — Met G. M. Tripp on my arrival and heard his doings in relation to the entire suit for Shanck at the Court — and [illegible] Came home to breakfast &c

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Thence after preparing for dinr to the Cg Hse – till the Dinr hour – had Mr. Brown to dine with us. The late Head Schl fellow of our elder sons – Cg Hse. in the afternoon, wf. at home having the Compy of my mother & Sister Susan & Rachel & Mathew Howland in addn to Mr B. at tea – after they retired I was obliged to complete some letters and take them to the P. Office – an agreeable Visit – but allayed by the sad reflection of my deeply embarrassed condition consequent on the unfortunate hostility of R. & Mr Sisson

6th day 22. Occupied at the Cg House he had an interview with Gen. W. Sisson about securing the Salt marsh at the Cove to be converted into a pond for sundry purposes to give my son Jun some business

7th day 23. Engaged with business cares at the Cg. House & factory through the forenoon – and arranged with Smith keeper of the light House at Clarks point to go with him this wf and make trial of my Light House lamp to which I have had a reflector adjusted – about 4 h. P.M. I took C. H. Morgan's horse with my Buggy on and called for him at the place appointed – and both him and some friends

which he had prepared to work upon at his profession as a Carver — and we went with the lamp[s]te to the Light House — Remained there from the lighting up at Sunset till 9 O'clk — The performance of the lamp was very satisfactory —

1st day 24th — Took a plunge in the river and walked by the North lots to the Cemetery to strew some flowers at the Shrine of Parental affection — attended meet[g]. at the Bridewell. Here where I found a new arrangement for warm[g]. by furnaces in the cellar had been made and a different arrangement of the seats of the SW + SE. quarters, the broad alley pass[g]. from the Women to the mens side of the house filled with seats which on the mens side were new in the NW. quarter — I doubt the comfort or economy of the arrangement though I have examined the heat[g]. apparatus — called after mtg. to see Sarah Hannah an examine the house with a view to an alteration for her + S. Hannah's accommodation in the afternoon went to the 5th & Spring St. Mtgs — but holding about an hour — to get this about time enough for one mtg. — for my own experience — makes longer sessions desirable to reap the advantage which these Social Religious observances are designed to impart — the 2 mtg. which was at Spring St was very satisfactory. Rhoda Howland, Jos. Davis & Susan Smith particip[a]te —

ting in the audible Services, the latter in Prayer — at the close of the Ing. went to mothers — Evg. at home — I had to write letters till late the last of the ev — when I wd. most gladly have been exempt from this uncongenial work

2. day 25 — Much oppressed, as I was yesterday by my pressing financial obligations, went to the Bk Director Ing. and obtained some accom — the rest of the forenoon at the Cg. House — — after dinner looked over the 7. days Boston paper — and on my way to the Cg. House stopped for a pair of Shoes at Bryant & Dennisons, and a long political discussion on the Free soil movement with the Jun. Partner who thinks he cannot vote for Taylor, as he is a Slave holder and Warrior — not heed ing sufficiently the almost certain Consequences of Gen. his vote to Vanburen — adverse completely to the principles of liberty which he thinks dearer to the almost exclusive regard to the pending issues of the Canvass Went to the Cg. House & remained there till Noon at O'Clock —

3. mo. 26th At home before breakfast then to the Cg. House. The mill stopped about 11 O'Clock. for want of Water — and this accident took my time for most the rem.r

the day — The investigation made makes it certain that there is a bad leak in the logs — and they are to be dug open tomorrow — These disastrous occurrences — one overwhelming in the present desperate State of our Concerns — and cast the blackness of despair almost over my prospects — Oh that a kind Providence would avert the Catastrophy & to turn the tide in the Prairie — Berry Morgan went to mill this forenoon — Frank driving her out and Ellen going with her — Sister Rebecca confined to her room with a swelled face since Chen H has a bad cold — She rather better —

4th day 27 had about a dozen men uncovering the Water pipes or logs to day — the job of exposing them nearly completed but no discovery made. Though the logs are filled with 10 ft head — the stream to keep them full being a gl. in 75 seconds my time has been Chiefly given to this business — devoting the rest to Cg. the duties

5th day 28th The leak in the logs was found this forenoon in the log which enters the well — caused by a worm hole the discharge when uncovered being about 1 Gall. in a Minute — The detention occasioned by this defect is improved to put in the New wheel which has been cast

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to replace the broken one on the main shaft — The exposure of the water logs has convinced me that the chief difficulty which we have experienced with our pumps especially the Steam Pump has arisen from the small size and inadequate size of the bore — A new set of logs from the well to the Boiler house is therefore determined on — The proposed Balloon ascension detained me after dinner to have a view of it from the observatory — but the force of the wind tore it from the pulling before the inflation was completed and it flew away disappointing the congregated citizens — I improved the occasion of my detention in the observatory to rectify the position of the Compass card which I always knew was wrongly placed by Stetson — I availed of the shadows across the room at Sunrise when the Sun was on the equinoctial to get the E & W. line — Ma chere H and Sister P. the both would dine with me in the obs'y till the knowledge of the fracture reached them — Sis. Sue aided me in transferring the line to the ceiling — and Sis. assisted in securing the Compass card in its new position. — this operation took me till dark — Then went to the Cs Rs

Stopping at Tafts to examine my new lamps which he has had some weeks — I found it in bad condition and not throwing well — Stopped afterward & made mother a visit — which brot me late at my Eng^r work at the Cg House — and when there important business occupied me — and after Stopping a few minutes on my way home to inform myself of a fact before mailing my letters — I found to my Surprise that it was past midnight when I got home — An alarm of fire called me out at 2 O'Clock — which occasioned by the presumed incendiary conflagration of Fred^k Kempton's barn on Cg. Street — had an interview abt the embarrassed State of my affairs as treas^r of the Mill Cg. with my bro^r Wm & Geo Harvey — an extension of time for some of our payments seems inevitable and that was the urgent business which detained me so late at the Cg Ho

6th day 29th Occupied with the business of the Fact & Cg Hse — had a call from B S Rotch relative to the necessity of an extension of time on the last note due them — He yielded to the imperative circumstances and new notes with Int at 12% were given at 4 5 & 6 mos — Thus postponing the Catastrophe which seemed inevitable. and giving a little longer season of hope. Eng at the Cg House —

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7th day 30th Gave attention to C of the duties
& most of the day — The mills was started
again with the new wheel and seems
likely to run well — The attic pumps
worked for a while & then stopped — and af-
ter the patience of the head workmen was
exhausted Mr S. found that the failure
was owing to the ignorant presumption of the
late engineer in substituting for the old
plunger a new and worthless one which
it was impossible to pack reliably &
this we think was the Chief cause of
the failure of all of the pumps — This
being the most remote & highest of the
range we left in order have pumps
out the air from the leaks and thus have
enabled the others to operate — Went
to Fall River in the 5¼ O'Clk train to
see after my payments — The work on the
wharf being finished — called at Mr
Micahs and took a supper of milk bread
& fruit, then to C Swells, he being left
my House, to get the assist of labor &c
— thence to the Pocasset office to do my
writing and be ready at the Call of the
Watchman to go onboard the Cars on the
arr of the St. Mays from N York — I took
a nap in the Cloth Room and rose at 3
O'Clk expecting the arr of the B. but the
night being dark & foggy the dice not

arrive till between 6 & 7 O'clk — This 94
delay gave me time to finish my writing
and take a walk to the Wharf before Start
— On getting into the Cars found that Wm C.
Swift & family were passengers they having ar-
rived in the Steamer America on 6th day
eve — all well J. B. Delano & Caleb W. Howe
land were also in the Car — On my walk
home stopped at our neighbor J Perry's to an-
nounce the arr: of his Children — and
(1st day 10 mo. 1) Called there after break-
fast with Sue & Ellen — went to mg. at the
Brick mg Hse — a nap after dinner lost
me my 2d meeting — called to see Mary
Gifford — and made an ineffectual
attempt to see W. J. Rotch at his house —
rem: of the eve. at home, oppressed and alarm-
ed at the business prospects before me — Read
late in the eve — in H. Ware's little book on
the formation of Christian Character, Sister
Phebe still confined with her swelled face
2d day 2 — Walked before breakfast to Cousin
Elder Barney's State Street on the subject of
her proxy for voting for Directors of the
B. & B Bank this afternoon — and after at-
tending at the Bank devoted much of the
forenoon with reference to the Ann: mg. of the Stock
holders — attended S. mg. at 3 O'clk — there
was a large representation of the Stockholders
314 votes given. Edl Robinson had 283
and was of Course Chosen — after organiz-
ing the Board of Directors — I went to the City
Coll: office to state the errors in the assess-

95 Val.ⁿ of property — calling at Mothers to
Sister Ann's also — afterwards at moth-
ers and at the Cg Hse till the close of the
day
3ᵈ day 3ᵈ Called at the City Collᵗ Office to adjust
the large amᵗ of taxes which devolve upon me
to pay — Home to the Factory where I found
much trouble with the Supply pump, wᶜʰ
detained me the remᵈ of the forenoon to-
— looked over the Boston paper of 7ᵗʰ day
after dinner, and then to the Cg House
till late in the Eve — The depressing circum-
stances, under which I now have to work
are very trying, and cause an anxiety
to which the physical labor is as nothing
— Saw Sister Phebe in her room She is
rather better of her local affection —
4ᵗʰ day 4ᵗʰ At the Cg. Hse in the forenoon —
looked over the papers after dinner, called
at Mothers, and got to the Cg. Hse in time
to prepare for lighting up the Fact. Street lamps
the first time for the season — The mis plac-
ing of the burners of which, took much time
to prepare the old original tubular burners
which led to my present improved lamp
— Was at the Fact. Office on dismissing
the operatives — and then went to the Free
Soil Meeting and heard a fine Spectacle
Speech on that side — It ought and will
do much to carry off the Cass men, but
it will not move the Sound Whig from

the nominees of this party — exceptionable as was the substitution of Gen Taylor for Clay or Webster in the Pub. Convention.
Sister Phebe not so well to day. Sent Dr Spooner towards ev. to see her who opened the abscess internally —
5th day 5th At the Cg. Hse. and factory through the day and ev — except a call at mothers in afternoon — Sister Phebe thinks she has obtained some relief from the operation by Dr Spooner —
6th day 6th Spent the day and till about 8 O'Clk. in Cg. House duties — came home earlier than usual as mother & Sister Eliza were here at tea — I called to see her as I went to the Cg Hse — had a pleasant visit
7th day 7th At the Cg House most of the day and ev — called to see mother — who was well — a leak in one of the boilers made it necessary for J. F. Pope to go to Fall River — and Jas. took his place in the Fancy Cg. Room — A Cg Smith not yet returned
1st day 8th Took a Shower and then walked to the Cemetery returning by Ezra Hathaways house attended meeting Afternoon & Eve at the Spring St House, and went in the ev. to an appointed mg. by Jas. Wilbur at

97 the fifth St. House — which was well attended but a small proportion Friends — Called at Br. Wm's to see Jer. Wm Slow who is confined to the house by a lame leg occasioned by a strain in stepping from the RR Car — called at Mothers in the Evg and walked to the Factory — and found that A.G. Snell had returned from N. York and that the repair of the Boiler had just been completed

2d day 9th Took a Seat this Mg. in the Cars for Ft. Wayne — and after an interview with Geo. Mund agulative to digging a well — went to the Pocanet Duff Hs which took up the time till a late dinner at my brother in Law's Mr. Hs Ruggles — had some consultation with C.H. Morgan relative to Rail Road tracks from our wharves, and some other on other Calls on business — again took my Seat in the Cars and — reached home at the usual time — Called at Benetts on the way home, and after Mrs Thurs walked to Sybil Robinsons to attend my Wife home — was there about an hour — She is in a Situation to be felt for — desolate, without her late devoted husband and protector — but

sustained by her fine character & pious trust — under her bereavement and other afflictive circumstances — She has our warm Sympathy, would that we had some more tangible qualification to aid — and succor her

3d day 10th Occupied with little intermission with C.J. House duties through the day & eve — Called at Mothers

4th day 11th Spent the forenoon in application to my C.J. House business — Jas. Wilson and his Son dined with us — his daughter is better so that he came out for the first time — he had to keep his leg on the Sofa most of the time — here — turned to my brother's about 5 O'clk & I went to the C.J. Room and Spent the eve — his Son Edwin took a ride in the afternoon with Our Edmund & returned to tea — Hannah Perry was here at tea also I was too late from the Store to see them

5th day 12th Very pressing and anxious business connected with the affairs of the Concern kept me at the C.J. House through the day & eve or in other attentions to the business elsewhere —

6th day 13th Still at work on the affairs of the C.J. business through the day and till very late in the eve — a house was burned at Fair Haven nearly opposite the C.J. Room

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about 12 Oclk which made a great disturbance — The State of the bridge, undergoing repairs did not permit the Engines of this place to go to the rescue — The fire however did not extend beyond the building where it commenced —

1st day 14th Still buried about the Factory accounts and financial concerns — the labor & anxiety and late vigils of the week made unfit for much attention in the evg — and I came home & retired about 10 Oclk — Edwd Winslow was here but I was too tired to see him —

1st day 15th took breakfast before the family and walked by the way of my mother's lots to the Cemetery — where I paid my weekly tribute to the memory of our dear daughter and her affectionate aunt —

— attended meeting at the Spring St House and called at Mary Gifford's — In the afternoon called at Andrews and saw Mother. Ann Mather and Wm Robeson Jr & his wife — the former visit to her husband whom I did not see as they left for Phila to make a visit to her beloved Uncle & Cousin here & in Boston

2d day 16th — Went to Phila. Mary Ann to send a small parcel from Sister Phebe to her dear & beloved friend Mary D Wragg of Bloomsbury — where she was mar-

died and settled within the year, which
now witness her a disconsolate widow
after a few short months of connubial hap-
piness — She has a family of 7 children
of her late husbands to command her atten-
tion and energies, and I trust her pious
faith christian consolations will not de-
sert her in this trying hour of sorrow and
bereavement — I pray that She may find
her foundation Love in this season of deep
affliction — The excellence of her husbands
character as a man & a christian though
it adds to the conflicts of nature at the
Separation will be a comfort and a stim-
ulus to resignation to the divine will, wh
orders all things well, though inscrutable
to human vision, when tranquility shall su-
ceed the fearful emotions which must
be felt when these tender ties are
severed — Col. Paxon who has been here
a day or two leaves this morning for
Bloomsburgh — I was at the Bank
Directors meeting — and had rather a trying
position — on acct. of my sympathy with
Col. Morgan, who wanted a small accom
modation — declined myself to Cy Hee de
clines and to make arrangements for visi-
iting the Lights Sisters with the Collector
of the Port Jon^a. Howland & B. F. Congdon
Then eg — obtained the loan of Mathers
Carriage for the occasion — and about

7 Oclk — The light did not show to advantage — partly from the inexperience of the keeper in trimming — and the somewhat inconvenient mode of doing it in a fixed lamp — At the close of the exam^n I made the Chimney higher and gave a greater flame which showed very brilliantly as we returned to the Carriage — which if it did contain through the night must have excited the attention of passing navigators — We got home about ten Oclk when I went for an hour or two to the C. Home

3^d day 17^th Spent the day chiefly at the C. House the anxieties of the times and the bad state of our factory business, are very depressing Eliz^h Fisher a^d to day with Sister Sarah & Clara from Wakefield, where Emily & her husband were left with their invalid Child — a Convention of the Clergy & Laity of the Am^n Society commences here to day — I made an attempt to call at mothers in the eg. but I was too late at the C. House

4^th day 18^th Another trying day with & Attorney to financial matters &c. Pretty late at the C. House but made a call on my way home at mothers who I was sorry to find had taken Cold. Saw Eliz^h Fisher and received my collection on Friends in Penn

5^th day 19^th Went to the Bank Directors meeting — These occasions and the facts &

feeling developed there know a sad presage
of even greater financial troubles than have
yet been heaped upon me — Spent the rem.r of
the day at the C.G. House &c — My inclina-
tion would have taken me to meeting but the
pressing State of my affairs and its anx
ieties would have prevented that quiet at-
traction from Secular objects which is so
desirable — and necessary to make these
religious duties profitable — Oh how I
long to be delivered from these unfavor-
able influences & — Called at Mothers &
was glad to find her better, had a conferenc
with her and my bro: W.m about an exchg
of lots on Pleasant St — Saw Jo.s T. and
Sam Mather at the Depot, on their way
to Boston. — rem.r of the day and ev.g at
the C.G House —
6th day 20th At the C.G. Hse &c. most of the
day & the early part of the ev.g — had intend-
ed to go the Light House, but from the absence
of Ch.s M. Morgan's man not being able to ob-
tain his horse — I had to give up the journey
and remained at his house through the ev.g.
mother Elvira & B. Fisher were there —
7th day 21st Went before breakfast to the
Light House Spent some time after breakfast
in looking over the Quarter Papers wch I could
not find time to read in course — then gave at-
tention with my pen & pencil to discharging the

103 water from the Store Cellar on the whole the Syphon not working — took out the pipe for examn and replaced them — and through the inequalities and the incorrect direction of the pipe for the discharge of the whole air by the air pump prevented the filling of pipe in that mode — the application of the small water Engine was successful — devoted the rem: of the time to the Clos[et] of the mail to letters &c and afternoon devoted to consultations &c relative to the factory — went towards Sunset to the Light house and set my lamp with new wick of somewhat smaller size at work with good success — the Keeper reports that for the 3 nights on which it was supplied with R.W. ref: Oil he could discover no difference in the power of the light — returned and joined the family at Tea. Eliz: Fisher being with us — Edwin then son Walter Mitchell called in the ev[g]

1st day 22. After the weekly ablutions and an early breakfast I took some flowers to the cemetery, a tribute to the memory of our beloved Mary — attended meetings at the Spring Gt House and remained at home most of the day read: in the memoirs of Wm Allen which I finished — or the 2d Vol. of Wm Allen which I have yet read — his example was a bright one I have yet had — his example was a bright one and shining one as a philanthropist, a Friend and a christian — and the extended knowledge

edge of it through the Press will I trust prove a blessing to many — The lecture which is given in the Appendix with which he closed his Scientific Course to the Students of Guy's Hospital is fraught with instruction of the highest interest — Wm & Elder Swift were here this ev'g — She as the dearest friend out of the family of our departed daughter has a strong hold on our affections, as well as for those fine qualities which were the bond of sympathy with our lovely Mary — She has given a touching evidence of her reciprocated feelings in calling her infant daughter by her name.

2. day 23d. Attended to business through the day & was at the Bank Directors meeting and succeeded beyond my expectation in obtaining an accommodation very important to me

3. day 24th Devoted a considerable portion of the forenoon to clearing the well for the Syphon at the Store on the Wharf — so that it might be put in action by the little air pump as formerly instead of the small garden engine which we have been obliged of late to use — it was a disagreeable job but no one but myself could successfully effect it — Spent the ev'g in preparg. for a jaunt to Taunton to try to come to a settlement with Dean Morse for their or I conceive unjust claim upon us — Called to see mother about an exchange of land on Pleasant St. to accom-

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modate the Methodist Society with a lot large enough for their new M.-House without encroaching on a proposed Street — Francis went to Boston to day to see the celebration ceremonies on the introduction of the Cochituate Water into the City

4th. 25 — Took breakfast before the family with a view to going to Taunton — but was induced to give up the design — Engaged at the C.-House &c till near the Clos. of the mail & then Came home and dined having the Company of my dear aged mother Sister E. & Fisher — remained nearly all the afternoon and ev'g —

5th. day 26th. — Went to the Bank after Brkfast and was detained by C.-House duties &c all the forenoon so that &c. not as I wished attd. Meetg — Firs. being absent — afternoon at the C.-H. — where I spent the ev'g with W. H. Howard from Newport who came to settle for the year of the Rollers — I had to abate as last year a large proportion of the stipulated rent —

6th. day 27th Occupied in the forenoon in C.-House duties &c — about 11 O'Clk. one of the wheels in the Card. Room of the Factory broke which stopped the work for the day immediate measures were taken to replace the wheel — which was effected late in the ev'g — I was at mothers most of the af

ternoon and again at the close of my evg
duties at the Eg. House & factory — The un-
comfortable condition of mothers family in
regard to assistants gives us much concern
on her account — her great age requiring
more devotion to her comfort and conven-
ience than she has, or has had — But there
are many difficulties in effecting this result
Inwas at A.D. Richmond & Cos. coppersmith's shop
seeing the operation of attaching a vacuum
hibe to the Steam pump — so as to have it
applied in readiness for the junction with
the new logs which will be placed to-mor-
row.

1st day 28th Had an interview with my
bro. William in regard to mothers accommo-
dation — devoted the rest of the day to the
duties of the Eg House &c — the new line of
logs was connected with the St. pump &
the action of it was very satisfactory
— the Well was charged with it, through
the hose to fill the trench so far as was
necessary to puddle the filling in & cov-
ering the logs in about half an hours
attempted to call at mothers on my re-
turn home, but I was too late Edmund Fox.
arrived from Boston — this eve —

1st day 29th Walked before breakfast to the
cemetery to place some fresh flowers, on
Hillside and hold communion with the
Spiritual world to which our dear Mary

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Thus been called before us — attended Meeting at the Spring St House called at Mothers and remained thereafter at home — CH Morgan & Eliz Fisher called before tea & Chs Randall in the ev.g — Ed & Thos made a call at their Cousin Sybil's the first I believe since her Sad bereavement 2. day 30th Attended the Bank Directors' meeting — and before breakfast went to the R.R. Depot to send a letter to Taunton — devoted the day & ev.g to Ct. House duties &c partly in making preparation for a visit to Dean & Moore of Taunton tomorrow to try to make an amicable Settlement of our accounts — took some legal advice in the ev.g after several attempts to find Elliot or Prescott, calling at the Whig & Democratic Mags for that purpose. Jno. S Holmes the orator of the Whigs & Woodbury & another of the Democrats — I found the Judge on the 2d Call at his lodgings —

3. day 31st Went with AG Snell to Taunton in the morng. Cass called on Dean & Moore and had a long conversation with considerable excitement at one time between Moore & Snell in which the former was the aggressor tho' at first seemed at me — But this soon subsided into a more reasonable and calm discussion — We Spent the forenoon without getting their assent to our very moderate

demand that the amt. shd be settled by mutual discharges leaving the bal. which they claimed for Part. Right to take up & Stop Motion to the Looms and a few Articles of Machy. amg to about $1450 – but which by our admission was but about 150 or 180 – in their favor to be offset by the immense losses & expenses which have been entailed upon us by the imperfections of their Machinery – Left their office about noon and walked to the Hopewell Factory which is of Ancient date and now stopped from the State of the times – went through it by politeness of the Supt – The old Throttle Spindle & hand mules – are used – Returned again to Dr Mr's Office between 2 & 3 Oclk and after further discussion our proposition was accepted and reciprocal rec.ts passed – and we parted amicably – A result wd – though it by no means does us full justice is better than the anxieties expense & uncertainty of an appeal to the Law – An expedient to which I am always exceedingly averse and which would be more than ever difficult & perplexing in the present embarrassed state of our affairs – Looked through N. Mason & Co's extensive and complete Machine Shop & walked round the town – by the Splendid Mansion now near completion of N. Mason and then on the arrival of the Cars took our seats for home – found Benj.a Smith in the Cars

and recognized with others the hon John Davis — who I found on arrival was announced to address the whigs & other Citizens — walked with L. Benjn Smith home as our guest and found all well — I went in the ev.g to hear the address which was very able, logical and calm — worthy of the distinguished Speaker — and I think must have been effective on the honest enquirer, as well as confirming to the whigs in their purposes of doing their utmost to expel the party from power who have proved themselves so utterly unworthy of the confidence of the nation —

4th day 11 mo. 1. Occupied at the Cg House & through the forenoon called on Mothers in the neg. and asked them to dinner. She & Eliz. Fisher accepted but Elisha declined — Benj. Smith left us after dinner to take the Cars for Fall River & the N. York Bt. to join his brother at Newport — I went to the Cg House late in the afternoon and remained there till about 8 Oclk. when I went to the Hall and heard the address of Abbott Lawrence on the approaching Pres.l Election — The house was full and the attention enthusiastic — the Mg. did not close till after 10 — when I hastened home in hope to find Mother still here but she had left. I am sorry to say it without me or either of her Grandsons to aid her to the Carriage —

5th day 2d. At the Office the most of the day — went to Uncle Williams to call on Abbott Lawrence — he was not in — on my way back to the Office called and spoke to him as he was returning with Jos. Grinnell from the Wauseuta mill — afterwards met Benj. S. Rotch and went with him to meet his father in law at the R.E. Ins. Office — afterwards went with them to call on my mother — wj. at the Office

6th day 3d. Occupied with business duties and anxieties through the day & evg.

7th day 4th. Confined at the Office through the forenoon chiefly in read. Judge Allen's Free Soil Speech — most of the afternoon at home looking through the Boston papers — evg. read Chs. Sumner answer to the committee of his nomination for Free Soil member of Congress and spent the rem. in writing — on business.

1st Day 5th. Walked to the Cemetery and placed some late flowers on the turf which rises over the mortal remains of our dear Mary — while dwelling upon the memories of her devoted and affectionate spirit which we trust is participating in the blessings of the Spirits of our heavenly Parent for removed from the cares the anxieties & sorrows which agitate our bosoms — attended Meeting at Friends House in Shrewsbury St. forenoon & afternoon to some edification though under great depression from the troubles which lie in my path — The weather being rainy I made no calls till the latter part of the evg. when I was at mothers — Sybil Jones was at mtg to day — and spoke in the afternoon

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2day 6th Devoted the day chiefly to Cg. the duties — Cg also at the Cg House, my wife's cousin Henry Haydock of Brooklyn N.Y. called — but was chere by being at Sybil Rhoads and our Sons at the political meetings Sister Phebe & the daughters only had his comp.

3d day 7th This Day appointed for the election of President of these United States is arrived and on the wile of the people in the selection of the chief magistrate hang the issues which wile vitally affect the condition of many — On the result of this days action must depend the prosperity of the great aggregate of 20 millions of human beings — The small matter of a vote therefore is a trust which should be exercised with our best discretion — May He who sustains us all tho' so slightly recognised by the great majority of the people so influence though it be unconsciously to themselves. that the Choice of this people may be a wise one — that political chicanery and selfish & wicked policy which has been in the ascendant may be rebuked and some thing like a return to the honest course of our earlier Administrations be realized — that the good of the Country and of mankind may be the Cardinal aim

of our future Admin[n] — instead of the miserable trickery of a wicked & unprincipled expediency which looks only to becoming the selfish objects of the Official incumbents by partisan tactics bro't to bear on an ignorant and deluded political party — I have been so anxious on acc[t] of the condition of our manf affairs that I have been able to give but little time to aids or to witness the endeavors which have actively engaged the Whigs to effect a right action in this district of the Union that I have done little more than give my Vote for Taylor & Fillmore — I called at my uncle Williams to see our Cousin Henry and take him to dine with us prior to his leaving this afternoon for N York — visited the Iron foundrys this afternoon with reference to the means of cleaning the interior of our Chimneys the Flues and passed the evg in Cg the entries — The result of the election in this vicinity is favorable for the prospects of Taylor — 4th Day 8th Occupied at the Cg House the with reference to Factory business through the day & evg — The mill running again after Stopping two days for the breaking of one of the main gear Wheels — The accounts of the Election are favorable

5th Day At the Bank with much anxiety on acc[t] of large am[t] of funds required to meet

my pending liabilities — met with moderate success and little sympathy. with increased my anxieties and lost much time in revolving expedients for the crisis — gave some time to preparg. my lamp for trial at the factory — havg. made a trial of the Fairy lamp at the Cg. Hse last wg — — The effect was not quite satisfactory the light not thrown down sufficiently on the looms — I was late at the Cg Hse — — kept from wg. by the perplexing cares of bus. — the opportunity for these religious abstractions would be valued and enjoyed.

6th day 10th A very cold day — the therm. 22 this mg — & about the same or a little lower this evg — at the Cg Hse & through most of the day & evg — but came home at an early hour 9 O'clk — and had the pleasure of part of the evg. with my family

7th day 11th Engaged about my business at the Cg. Hse. & stopped on my way from home to my mothers in the early part of the wg — at the whig meeting — and staid till the conclusion of it — a torch light procession of the Howland faction made some disturbance but not any permanent inconvenience — at the close of the mg. I went to mothers with some acct. of long Standing between us — Clifford & Elliot spoke —

1st day 12th Walked to the Cemetery before breakfast, and attended mg at Frds. mg House & spoke & read — interesting discourses & from Charles Coffin of Fairfield Maine, whom I met

at Mothers at the close of the afternoon with Wm C. Talent & Pratt the companion of the former of Lyon — called afterward at A. Robeson and saw Richard Rose son of the late Dr Rose of Phila. — wd. at home — Chs Randell Spent most of it with us — afternoon read in H Ware's little book on the formation of Christian Character —

2. day 13th. Forenoon at the Bank Cj. Hre &c went early to place of Voting for State Officers and member of Congress — gave some time in the afternoon to most of the wj. to adapting a fast g. lamp on any plan to its use in the weave Shop — the object being to adjust the horizontal reflector in form and height so as to cast the light most advantageously on the looms — made a trial of it at the close of the wj over my desk at the Cj Hre. with success — called at Mothers

3d. day 14th Engaged with reference to Fay & Cj Hre duties through the forenoon — after dinner when about transferring my lamp to the fast g — a loop of the chain threw it down & broke the glass — and I made endeavors with much loss of time to replace it with another but failed to get it in action from an injury to the supports (bars of the Chimney) before undiscovered by the fall — Came home to tea as Mothers Sister E.K. Eliz. Fisher & Eliz. Wells were with us at tea E.K. expects to go home to-morrow — The result of the voting yesterday secures the Seat in Congress for the next 2 years to Jas. Grinnell. as the dist. of the week previous has

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confiden the duties of the Presidency to Z. Taylor for the ensuing four years — the largest vote ever given in this town was cast yesterday — the excitement unusual from the efforts of the Howland faction of the Whigs to substitute their candidate for our old tried and approved Representative — The demonstrations of elation at the favorable returns last night were very enthusiastic by the friends of the regular Whig nominee — in which our three sons heartily cooperated till midnight —

4th Day 15th Attended to C.J. Hoe business and in conjunction with my brothers Wm & Charles had an interview with Thos Mandle relative to a large debt called for due from the Brussels Co. from the late firm of J. Howland & Hoe — and a similar debt due from the Estate of my father — The uncertainty of our ability to meet it or them was with great regret avowed — put up my lamp in the Weave Shop of the factory — the light was very effective — I spent the ev. at the C.J. Hoe but returned in good season —

5th Day 16th Went to the C.J. Hoe & C.W. Morgans before breakfast — anxious for large payments on hand — at the Bank after breakfast and obtained some accom — Spent much of the forenoon in looking over the papers, & matters relating to the French claim now due from our own Govt. under the treaty of 1831 — Very Care & anxieties again detained me from meeting — afternoon ev. at the C.J. Hoe

Chs. & Mary Hunter called — they have been at home about a week from their bridal tour in Europe —

6th day 17th Occupied by my business during the day & evg — Stopped at mothers and Aud. on my return home — The Parker House and some other buildings brilliantly illuminated on account of the Whig Victory in the election of President — There was also a Whig Supper at the Parker House embracing a pretty large number of prominent men of the Party of this place and some from Boston & other towns — our three sons were there — and did not get home till 2 or 3 Oclk in the morng — a more modest demonstration of gratification on the ascendency of what we hope of correct principles would have been more consonant with my feelings — and I wd. rather the Scene of it had been a Church than a house of Public entertainment ministering to the sure elevated sentiment which the occasion justly suggests without a costly sacrifice to our eating instincts —

7th day 18th Rode to the Lights House before breakfast to propose some questions with Henry Smith the keeper touching the experiment made by him with my Lamp for his deliberate written answer — devoted the forenoon to business matters and financial arrangements — which impose great anxieties — Letters did not come from Denver till the close of the mail — after dinner had a slight alteration made in my original Lamp burner

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by enlarging the holes at the top to the size of the bore below, viz to the depth of a quarter of an inch, leaving only a very small space for the contracted bore to give stability to the wicks — I thought the lamp would be found better in the evg for the alteration — the Factory lamp gives much satisfaction, except that it is more efficient than is necessary on the present arrangement — one half of the No. of lamps like mine would be sufficient we have had our dining room deranged since 5th day a part of the ceiling having fallen — it was found necessary to take the whole down and renew the plastering — the imperfect manner of the former finish — the mortar not having penetrated through the Lathing so as to form a clinch was the cause of the trouble. it is now done — ready for cleaning. consequent on the process — The water pipe of the dining room sink sprung a leak this evg. —

1st day 19th took a walk to the Cemetery before breakfast and laid a few Green House flowers on our dear Mary's grave. the snow fruits having killed all in the open air — attended mg Fdl at a Friends house Spring St. and in the afternoon went with ma chen & to the Episcopal Church — called after mg. to see Sally Hammond & Sarah Hammett and then went to see my Mother Wm: A the evg at home a snow storm prevent

ing the call at Bro. Andrew's which we had proposed to make — Read in the Life of Ira Allen —

2. day 20. The Snow Storm of last night continu'd till the mid. of the forenoon — I can form its Violence when we shall hear of distressing maratime disasters — I was at the Cg Hse &c through the forenoon — and most of the rest of the day & Eve — the last portion of the day & eg. in looking over the Scientific & other newspapers which have been sent to me which I had not fully examined

3. day 21 — Spent the forenoon in attention to my own business and that of the factory — walked after wadj. Burbank's Phibeta Kapa Oration to the Cg Hse by (my Nº Log. and examined a small house wch Mrs. McCosie proposes to buy eg. at the Cg Hse

4th. day 22 At the Cg Hse & most of the day partly in preparing to hang up another of my improved lamps in the west Room and while thus engaged cut my forefinger rather severely Dr Thompkins applied Chloroform & Sticking plaster so that I hope not to be much inconvenienced by it Rev Mr Snow & another of the Episcopal Clergymen at Dinner — but they did not get in Town — Meeting &

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Sister & Daughter Lee have been at the Ch. this
& Mr. Slaffer & Mr. Snow on with us to
night — the former at tea — we all
went (except Mrs.) to the Ch. & heard
a good discourse from the former. and
passed a pleasant social ev. at its
close — Mr Snow conducted the family
devotions.

5th. day 23. Went to the bank and then to the
Cg House & where I was detained till the
closing of the mail — Mr Snow & Mr. Slaffer
were here at dinner and went in the
Cars in the afternoon — Afternoon ev.
was ready. the Papers went to the Printers
to have some slight adjustment to the 2.
Forty. lamp — which took up the time
till ev. — made a trial of it at the Cg
House — and found a reduction in the height
of the Chimney frame required — at home
in time to attend the Episcopal ev. wg —
Mr. Clark from Boston was with us at
our Quest — he gave an interesting dis-
course on the duty of missionary efforts
to extend the knowledge of Christianity where
it is yet unknown — He closed the ev.
with Prayer. after reading a chapter in
Paul's Epistles — the prayer was extem-
pore and appropriate.

6th Day 24th Mr Jam J. rose rather earlier than
usual to accommodate our guest in his depar-
ture in the early cars — the Rev. Mr Babcock
of Dedham called as he was about leaving
to accompany him to the Depot, which gave
us a momentary interview with him which
revived in our this mind some tender
recollections of our beloved Mary — and
of the conversation which passed between them
when he was last at this house — perhaps
a month before a month before we
were deprived of her visible presence —
— I spend the forenoon about home in read-
the papers and attend to some arrangements
in the cellar to keep our Oil fluid during
the approaching winter — my plan have
only partially succeeded and I had to
call in other mechanical skill to give
them effect on another day — Rem of
the time before dinner at the C.J. House.
Afternoon completed the appendages for
my Std. lamps and hung the 2. in its
place — they each do the Office of two
of the Solars — e.g. at the C.J. House — Mr.
Covel was hoisted to the top of the Chimney
with reference to arrangements for removing the

ashes from the interior of the Metallic pipe to give greater efficiency to the heating power in the building — Edith Perry & Hannah were with the family at tea & in the ev.g

7th day 25th — At the Cg. Hse & in the forenoon afternoon at home & at D R Peirce's Shop alterg. the support wch was prepared for the R.W. Oil Bl in its new situation to prevent its chilling with the cold of the approaching Season — Spent the early part of the ev.g in adjusting the article to its Seat and cleang the Castle to fit it for its new place — Enjoyed an hour with my wife & daughters & then finished the ev.g. in writg at the Cg house returng at 12 —

1st day 26 Walked to the Cemetery after my weekly Shower bath &c and added to the last Partially faded flowers of the two last first days some fresh ones gathered by Ann Chew & from her Green House — to the memory of our dear daughter — Went to mg. at the Brick mg. House — and Spent the rest of the day at home — Sally Hann. was with us at lunch and my Sab being postponed — I overwent the time of meetg. and missed my intended attendance — reviewed Bushnells Cambridge Oration which indicates a deep analysis of the Springs of human Conduct, and opens bright vistas of the possible dignity of our nature under the just

control and Supremacy of Christian princi-
ple — accompanied me a chee H & Sue to the
Episcopal mg in the evg — held in the Vestry
of the Church and heard a good Sermon from
Mr. Norland of Bridgewater who officiated
to day in Exchange with Mr Horton — after
mg we went to see Bro. Andr. & fam'y — as
he was at Mothers, we (except Susan) continued
our walk thither — She is very well —
Jab Arnold called at tea time to communicate
a paragraph in a letter from T. Allen touching
the State debt of Rhode Island — but stopped
only a few minutes

2d day 27th Went to the Cg. Hse. and Bank
after breakfast — and afterward deposited
my Vote for representatives to the legis-
lature — rem'd the day chiefly at the
Cg House &c — Mr. Phipps of the Acade
my called on me towards evg. relative
to the insufficient warmth of the rooms
— I do not understand this failure. as I
had supposed the furnace had all the
efficiency desirable — Thought designing
to look into the matter by a personal ex-
amination of the premises — I went with
him to a Scots maker & Glazier to enquire
the cost of doubling the Windows — re-
turned and remained at the Cg House till near
4 O'clk when I came home and walked
to Sybil Robinsons to wait upon Ma chee &
who written at the house

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At the Cg. He de through the forenoon except making an exam. of the Warming apps. at the Academy — after dinner at home writing a letter to the 5th Auditor of the Treasury respecting the adoption of my lamp in the Light House to be built at Palmer's Island — after tea with the family went to the Lyceum to hear a lecture by Horace Greely on Social reforms — which was interesting — present J. a sad picture of the condition of large numbers where necessities for want of opportunity to labor are driven or seduced into vice — The remedy which he proposes is a great consideration but the prevalence of Christianity in its purity & Power is alone I think able to effect the salutary Change which he proposes — at the close went to the Cg He for a couple of hours or more, on returning near 12 o'clk — heard of the Alarm of "Fire" which proved to be the Conflagration of barn of the late Ja's H. Howland — it was quite distant?

I got home 12.45

4th day 29th. At the Cg He de after calling to consult with Thos. H. Greene about Warming the Academy — at home some time after dinner & then to the Cg He de. till 10½ PM attending to some family matters on the way — a good deal depressed at the difficulties in the path in regard to Cancelling my large liabilities —

5th day 30th Thanksgiving day — My time and

attention through the day were given to the Factory — The mill being stopped an opportunity was had to make the arrangements which have been some time provided for. to remove the ashes &c which by adhering to the Smoke pipe chokes the radiation into the air Chamber for warming the mill — Henry Deane & Darius Davis ascended or were hoisted to the top of the Chimney and performed the work of attaching the iron bar and Sheave to the top of the pipe & letting down the Chain & Circular brush they then were lowered down, — and the bar &c at the base were by us adjusted when the job as we hoped was about Completed — but on attempting to hoist the brush by the chain for want of the necessary Care to have the Chain free from kinks and from a defect in the lower pulley — the Chain was broken & our hopes disappointed — It was necessary therefore to remove the brush, & close the opening in the Chimney till an opp.y Sh.d be had Prob.y on 1st. day next to make another trial with the advantage of the experience now had — I then went to the Cl. Ho and applied myself to the consideration of financial matters — I was thus detained again from my week day mg — We had Anna Roberts and his little bro.r W.m at dinner and the fam.y had the addition of Mary Russell & her daughter at tea. returned home about 11 Oclk and closed the day with a chapter in the bible. — a day like many others of anxiety and disappointment — I was at the Bk Dirc.rs mg this mg.

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6th day 1st — Gave some time to the Potash Wharf Co's. Accounts before going to the Cg House. devoted the rem.r of the day to business at the Cg House &c Had an interview with C.W. Morgan touching our Bro.r Benj.s affairs whose extremities in regard to Money are even more desperate without some prompt aid in the way of Credit than ours — his being sustained is indispensable to our credit — as his failure would likely to entail ours: and very possibly the Pocasset Co's. and embarass and in fact put Bro.r Williams Solvency in jeopardy — may Such wide Spread ruin be averted — The Schr Carrier arrived at my wharf to day — Capt.n Cornell having crossed the bay with her yesterday with a very strong wind She behaved well — and gave him confidence in her — Some little repairs are required before She goes on her new business — I was all the day at the Cg. House — occupied with reference to finances — called to see mother in the forenoon, partly on business

7th day 2d. Occupied at the Cg House &c through the day — took some measures to effect the necessary repairs on My Scow Schr & appr. for her new business — Stopped after dinner at home to look over the Boston paper — we expected a visit from Eliz.a Wetherill mother & sister Eliza to tea — But the storm from the SE which had been gathering yesterday — it I came home as early as my engagements would permit, but found my conclusion correct as to our visitors —

1st Day 3d — Rose earlier than usual to attend to the new trial to fit the apparatus for Sweeping the Chimney flue — made necessary by the disappointment of the 30th I was among the earliest on the Spot and the preparations were made for ascending the Chimney to receve the Chain — Wm Coxall was to be the operator above but as one could not do it conveniently, and I had a curiosity to inspect personally the Chimney top &c I went up also — we were about two hours there as we did not wish to be again repeated by any untoward accident — and therefore waited till the tardy preparation at the base of the structure were ready to act — and till the apparatus had been satisfactorily tried — the ashes were readily detached and they were brot. up in a cloud by the strong current through the pipe — all being right we descended — and I was at home in season for meeting which I attended at Spring St. both forenoon & afternoon — Called at Mary Gifford's and Bro: Williams before tea and at Mothers after that meal, which on this day of the week I shared with the family — Our daughters and Frank sung some hymns to their parents and aunt.

2d day 4th rose early and went to the Yard to see the effect of the cleaning of the Chimney On the hot air flue — (the bell being off) I could not judge but on a second examn: and again in the evg found the temp.re near 130 — I went early to the Acad.y to inspect the warming apparatus in action — and with a proper man —

agement & better coal I presume there need be no lack of the desirable heat in the building for the comfort of the Scholars — Went to the Bank after breakfast and applied myself to the business of the Cg. House &c through the day and evg —

3d day 5th Went to the Cg. House after breakfast and spent the forenoon chiefly with one of the Boston firm of Noble & Hunnewell in relation to their account of Coal — I was unable to induce him to make any allowance for the great quantity of dust which has occasioned us so much loss and trouble — In the afternoon he was at the Cg. House again and we parted amicably though we have great cause for dissatisfaction — The Coll.r of the Customs having had instructions for testing the purity of my lamp with reference to the Light house, I had the tube attended by enlarging the wick holes at the top, and burned it in the evg at the Cg. House 4 3/4 hours very satisfactorily — while attending to my writing which I could not do in the day —

4th day 6th Occupied during the forenoon at mother's in looking over my papers relating to the French Claim — M. H. Ruggles — called, having rode over on business connected with a large debt due tomorrow from the Pocasset Co — dd at the Cg. House till a late dinner hour — Stopped to look over the Boston paper till towards Sunset, when

to the C.H. House where I had a call from R. French relative to the acceptance of Hillman St. over my premises — The City authorities not being Satisfied with my promises respecting the Grant of the right of way — I added an explanation which may perhaps remove their objections — Staid till 12 O'clk On St Lucie Co business — Made another trial of the L.H. Lamp to Satisfaction 5th day 7th Lost some time in seeking for the Standard for my L.H. Lamp without Success My financial affairs took up most of the time till the closing of the mail — Returned in ½ after dinner to write & send a letter by the St. Mary Boat — and remained at the C.H. House & till about 9 O'clk, when a derangement of the Stomach obliged me to leave — had rather a sick night and retired early. I was unable to attend the Lec. M.J. which was held to day — The Mill Stopped by breaking a wheel 6th day 8th At the C.H. Store through the day & Evg — The mill run again by a temporary use of a cast Iron wheel — found my Lamp Stand at A.D. Rich's Store, and had some alterations in the Lamp & burner, which on trial at the C.H. House appeared to answer very well — On getting home at 11 O'clk. had to answer a letter & take it to the P. Office

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7th day 1st After breakfast, spent some time in reading articles relating to the R. I. State debt sent to me by Jn. W. Richmond Esqr. of the Legislature this day arranging for my payments at C. S. House business Capt Connell was in town to prepare for going on his first trip for Seaconnet in the Carrier on 2d day next. putting up Cabin Stove &c — after dinner attended the funeral services consequent on the death of Wm & Sarah Coffin's little boy — a very great affliction in which they have the sincere Sympathy of many friends — Rev. Mr Weiss made a prayer Edd. & Jn. F Emerson took the remains in a light Carriage — I called after the procession had moved, to see my dear Mother on her 91st anniversary but found she was on a visit at Sister Sarah's — Called to see the Collector and B. T. Congdon about the proposed experiment with my lamp — after breakfast — made some slight alteration in the air tube at N. D. Richmond's shop where the perforations were slightly altered yesterday — and burned it again at the C. S. House with success — the bevelling form given to the top of the air tube appears to have had the desired effect of preventing any escape of blackened oil through the same — I called as I returned from my wearisome duties at the C. S. House, and spent half an hour with my dear mother who seems as well as for years — except that she dont hear quite so perfectly.

My Chest H and the Children called upon her in the day most of them at C. N. Morgans in the afternoon or eve.

1st day 10th — Went through the exercises of the morn took breakfast before the family and walked to the grave of our dear Mary — and left a few G. H. flowers on the turf — read in the bible & Mr Allens life till mg — when I attended at the 5th St. Mtg — where I saw Geo Howland who has returned from his visit in England to his seat as an elder — Spent in the afternoon to the 5th St. Mtg — Nathan Page was there & preached — was at the Anniversary of the Port Society in the eve. and heard an eloquent address in behalf of its objects from the Rev Mr Weiss the Mtg was large — at Mothers & A. Roberson to see Mary Roberson who has been sick about a week — a day of depression from the state of my pecuniary affairs he called at bro. W. Capstens

2d day 11th — Went to the Bank Directors meeting — these are trying occasions in my embarrassed circumstances — devoted the day to C.G. the duties and had some work at the Lumans — setting a Sea Light House lamp for the experiment under the orders of the Tr. Dept — made preparation to try it in the eve. but a leak made me forego its trial at the C.G. Hse in the eve — — Our Dr. Ellen has a bad cold — which confines her from School

3d day 12 — Took an early breakfast and devoted myself to C.G. [illegible] work — had Home Consultation with C. W. Morgan in relation to sending the Magnolia to California — and concluded to have her ad-

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ventured accordingly — had a further consultation in the evg with him Jn° F. Pope who has determined to go and Capt Semmes — returned home to dee my dear mother at the Close who took tea with the family — and rode to her home with her and then to the Cs Hse to finish the evg — detained at the Factory in a dif. the Watchman to Start the the fan which took one some time and kept one till about 12 —

4th Day 13th Occupied assiduously the day & evg on Family. books and business — made trial again of the newly fitted lamp which worked well — did not get home till after 12 — Ellen rather better. Sat up in her aunts room — Eliz. Hussey with the family at tea — the Children went to the Panorama of a Whaling Voyage just finished by Bennett — which takes the attention of the Public — and will probably restore his broken fortunes — and enable him to fulfil his honorable intentions of paying all his Creditors

5th Day 14th Occupied Chiefly in a thorough Examination of the St. Mill books by the only Sure through a tedious method making a repeating on a sheet ledger — matters of Insurance of the Establishment also took a share of my anxious attention — very late at the CJ House

6th Day 15th Engaged as yesterday till about 10 Oclk — had a call in the afternoon from Thos. B. White & Thos Nye about the extension of Hillman St. over my premises — repeated the positions which I had before stated in writing — the Board will act definitively upon it this week — as I understand — The matter of sending the magnolia to California also was again a subject of anxious Conference with C. W. Morgan & Jno. F. Pope there seeming to be some doubt as to the success of getting frt. & passengers

7th Day 16th Still assiduously engaged in the examination of the St. Mill books what time I could spare from my financial concerns which caused me much anxiety — from a disappointment in a certain quarter — succeeded in borrowing the amt. required for the pay to days succeeded in balancing the books — late at the CJ House — Mr. Lambert called to see the family & I regret that my trouble prevented his being our guest next week

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1st day 17 — Walked to the Cemetery before breakfast — attended meeting at the Lyceum in the forenoon and at 3 & 8 in the afternoon — Thos Thorne spoke a short time acceptably in the former mtg — called as usual on Robinsons before dinner and walked to Sybil Roberson with him there & before tea — Rev. Mr Salter was here in the evg — a day of depression from the pressure of financial difficulties Oh that I could be delivered from them or have that Faith accorded me which will sustain them

2d day 18th Went to the Bank Directors mtg — came for the first time since his return saw the President — who gave the most distant recognition which I returned — Engaged at the C.H. House throughout the day & Evg — completed the balancing of the books of the Manf Co. and made an abstract of the concerns and wrote a letter to enclose it to the President — got home very late

3d day 19th Engaged in the forenoon at the C.H. House & financial considerations & factory concerns — Came home to tea to meet Rev. T.R. Lambert who is from Taunton to make us a visit of a few days — He went with the Children to the Lecture, a Poem by Mr. Field a friend of his — and I returned to my C.H. House duties — and remained late very late

4th day Devoted the forenoon to financial arrangements — having been disappointed in my resources — but by the aid of my good friend Edth Robinson I obtained some funds from some quarter and took up my paper

Had a call from B.S. Rotch who as usual complained of our goods — giving great praise to the Pocasset Fabric — which costs much less being ⅛ less in the Spinning but 1/7 heavier in Stock — the Wool yarns gives it a thicker and softer appearance — but for real relative value ours is not inferior, but it will Sell better, which is the point of importance — an importance with us of more than usual consideration — after noon and eve. at the Cg House — Mr Lambert at Our Cousin Jos. Arnolds tea —

5th day 21st Engaged at the Cg House & through the day went to the Bk Directors meeting thought from my same position I can have no influence — Mr Lambert dined with Mr Salter at his Father in law's — I was late at the Cg House detained some time in adjusting the bell of the Fire Engine to make it run in the night as the weather has become cold — to secure the necessary warmth in the mills in the morng.

6th day 22. Occupied by the business of the Factory at the Cg House &c — Mr Lambert dined at E.S. Ritchie's — Eve. at the Cg House called at the Tinmans to get the Chimney to my 2d Light House lamp. to be prepared for the Experiment which is to be made to test the value of my lamp — The Collector having appointed Benj. Congdon and Wm Taylor to be the judges — at the Fact'y late in

7th day 23. Occupied by the usual business cares and duties till dinner — worked over the Factory afterwards and then to the Cg. House

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till 7 when I went to see the Panorama of a whaling voyage round the World by Benj.ⁿ Russell — It is a work of great labor and though the execution has not great merit, the novelty of the design and the wide interest of the subject will I think ensure it success — Mr. Lambert and Sister Phebe were also there and the seats well filled — Went to the Cg. Hse at its close to take care of my books — & returned home quite seasonable for me viz about 10 Oclk — The success of running the fan at night was very satisfactory — but by the failure of the main belt last night we could not keep the fan in motion after 10 P.M. and the repair not being completed we cannot run it again to night

1st. day 24th The ground being covered with snow I did not take my accustomed walk — Went to Mg. at the Spring St. House in the forenoon and at that on 5th St. in the afternoon and in the Cg. I went to the Episcopal Church and heard a good Sermon from Mr. Horton — Mr. Lambert read the Service — he preached at both of the previous meetings — Mr. Ritchie calling to see him in the morng & Mr. Horton also and again in the Cg — I went to see mother at the close of the afternoon Mg —

2d. day 25th Mr. Lambert left us in the early train to go to Taunton to preach the Christmas Sermon for Mr. Snow I went to the Bank Directors Mg. and at its close Geo. Howland stopped me to state

his dissatisfaction at my Acct relating to the House on Middle St — He dont like my charge for Care and attention to the property 13 or 14 years — the whole being $177 a portion of which he is chargeable with one half — $8 — between $6 & $7 a year — he said he would not submit to it and wanted to have a reference which I declined — He was very determined and menacing — probably a complaint to the Overseers will be his course for redress — I told him that if I thought I owed him so did I owe them that I would pay him — but that I did not so think — His visit to England and his promotion to the Eldership of the Church do not appear to have subdued his hostile feelings towards me — I devoted the day to Cy. House duties and Cares — and was late at the Cy House in the evg — Kept a part of the time at the Fact 3d. day 26 Devoted the day to Cy house business & Cares which were extended into the evg — at the close of which I went into the Factory to see that the Fan was properly in motion — Found the Speed too high — and in checking it the belt run off which it took us some time to re-adjust — I found also that the open into the cold air flue under the Fact. was left unclosed — which will have Neutralized to a great degree the effects of Warmg. apps — in the mill — Machine H's cold for the last three days has been oppressive and kept her within doors

4th day 27 — Engaged at the Cy. House the whole day & Evg — where I was till very late — a visit to the Fact. to see to the working of the Fan as might detained me later than I expected —

5th day 28 — Occupied at the Cy House the most of the day & evg. — was at the B. Directors Mg —

6th day 29th Busied as usual at the C.G. House &c till the late dinner hour, on the closing of the mail after dinner looked over the file of Papers viz. from Jn°. W. Richmond containg his articles relating to the Old R.I. State debt, a Certificate of which I hold as Exec'r to my Fathers Estate about dusk I went again to the C.G. House and worked till near midnight — Visiting the mill before I returned home to see that the Warmg. apparatus was properly in action — This I found to be the case — The warm air at midnight after the circulation from the Factory being returned at the Temperature of 110.

7th day 30th At the C.G. House in the forenoon — Dined at Mother's, where I learned from a letter which she had just rec'd from Fall River that Mary Worcester had been brought to bed of a daughter early last 7th- and that appearances were favorable for mother & infant — which intelligence is a great relief from the anxieties incidental to those occasions, and was particularly so to my aged Mother whose maternal sensibilities seem undimmed with age — after dinner read part of a pamphlet containg 2 of three Chapters of the History of the R.I. State debt sent to me by the Author J.W. Richmond who is making exertions to induce early legislative action to redeem the Credit of the State by redeeming in good faith the promises which have been too long neglected — afterward went to the C.G. House and spent most of the 7th in readg. the Boston papers of this half week — and closed with some C.G. calculations — Isaac Francis called to explain the transaction with David Sanford in relation to the Wharf Tenders furnished by him for my Wharf in Fall River — The weekly discharge of the Boilers will prevent the necessity of the Factory to undertake

1st Day 31st Went to the 15th St. Mg in the forenoon and at the Sp.J. 5th St. House in the afternoon — called at M. Gifford's at the close of the 1st Mg. but as she had not returned from Mg. did not see her — I then returned home, took a few flowers and walked to the Cemetery and laid on the Snow mantle which covers our dear Mary's Grave — Called at Mothers in the Ev.g. also at Sister Sarah's — and it was my intention to call at Andrew's but he & Fred.k came to Mothers while I was there — Read in the Bible, in a Vol. of Sermons by living Ministers designed to promote the Growth of religious affections lent to me & chosen by Rev. Mr. Horton — and in the Memoirs of Wm Allen The last day of the year has thus been Spent — The pecuniary embarrassment and troubles which Surround me in addition to the other afflictions which have made the Year memorable — has given a deep tinge of Melancholy to my feelings and imparts gloomy presages for the future — Oh. that a deliverance from these corroding Cares might be mercifully granted that I might have more leisure to be wise and good.

2d day 1st mo 1. 1849 This day began with deep anxiety in relation to heavy pecuniary obligations, which cast an ominous shade over the future — attended the BK. Directors meeting and had more success than I was led to anticipate — devoted the day to Cg. House duties alone. Francis with many others giving the day to Social pleasures and pastimes — I left the Cg. House a little before Nine O'clk to call upon my dear Mother, and my Uncle William who is but 2 years younger, on

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my way I passed some of the Sleds thronged with Coasters & Spectators — The Velocity of the Sleds appeand to be equal to the Rail Rd Cars — thought my old friend James Scott whom with his wife I saw at my Uncles said that by his Calculation and observation the Speed was not more than 6 or 8 miles an hour — his Sister Ruth and Cunt Amy Anthony are Spending the Winter with my Aunt — He has been constructing a Sun dial adjustible to all Latitudes which I think must be very valuable — a Mr. a celebrated Mesmerizer who has as it is said a great insight into the nature and Causes of human diseases was also there — my Uncle is pretty well but he Shows the indications of age more than my dear mother who is 2 years older — The past has been a year of unprecedented Sorrow and trouble in the Experience of our family Circle, what may be in the yet hidden Mysteries of the year now begun to lighten our Cares and Sorrows or to give added Shades of Gloom time only can disclose — But our prayers should daily ascend to the Supreme Ruler of human events, and Maker of all for deliverance from ills which we are unqualified to bear, or Superhuman Strength to Support us under them. So that Life if not prosperous in its outward Circumstances may yet be not unfruitful in the hidden fruits of the Spirit which will secure

as entrance as it close to the Scenes of
bliss which are graciously promised to those
who perform their parts here, whether these
be joyous or sorrowful with hearts in harmo-
ny with the teachings of the Religion of our
blessed Redeemer. — Our three Sons were
till late at their Coasting Amusement.
Dr. Read was the only Caller whom our fam-
ily Saw — his appearance was very feeble.
3. day 2d Devoted the day to the Cares of business
which detained me till very late at the C.H. House
called before coming home at the Factory to see
the operation of the heating apparatus, viz the
Fan driven by the little Steam Engine through
there cold nights — The effect is very satisfac-
tory — the air being taken from the main
building and returned to it at the Temp. of
from 100 to 110 — through the night when
the damper at the top of the Chimney is closed
and the fires checked as much as they can be
with open doors and a covering of fine sifted
Coal, by this means the Temp. is maintained at
about 70° the desirable point for the work
through the day —
4th. Day 3d. Attended to my business through the
day got through my heavy payments with
Paying clearly for More half of the money obt.
in Yorke which have given me much anxiety
returned home earlier than usual in the ev.
on account of my late Visits last night with
the intention of retiring early to bed, but on a-
larm of Fire, at the house of the Rev. Jn. Weiss
near the Court House, which called me out

and detained me at the Engine till after 11 – when it was subdued after burning the roof and causing much injury below – The night was of the Temp.° of 14 – which caused most great inconvenience to the operators – The Cistern at the corner of Nun & Co.ʸ Sts. was entirely exhausted – Edm.ᵈ as one of the Protecting Society was called from the Court.ʸ Hill and Thos I believe also, but Frank for a very short time was interrupted in his sleeping amusement which is more in vogue than ever – Mr. Weiss and Fam.ʸ & Furniture were received at Brother Charles where they will keep them if possible till they can suit themselves with another house. The fire is said to have been occasioned by the inadequate precautions in building the fire places and in setting up the hot air Furnace

5th day 4th Rose later than usual and devoted myself to duties of the Cʸ. House, the pressing nature of which, as the times oblige me to perform the chief clerical offices for the Cotton Cʸ. and my private business as well as those of the Scotch Wharf Cʸ. & Mary Jathes Estate, as well as the onerous & anxious affairs of Finance, again compelled me to forego attendance at Meeting, which my reason and feelings would incline me to do called at Brothers as I have done daily this week – and was very late at the Cʸ. House – I have had my Lights House lamps at B Congdon's some days. He with Mary Jay.

for having been appointed by the Coll? to test
is merits — but they have not yet given
much attention to it — and have not Com-
menced the Experiment — called to see the Col-
lector and B. T. Congdon in relation to it
6th day 5th — Attended to my business at the
Cf. House through the day but returned pretty
early in the eve. — unable to work with effect
on acct. of my late Vigils. Our Sons as usual
enjoying the fashionable recreation of Sled-
ding — I had considerable exercise today & was wet
in breaking their ice in the Dock
7th day 6th Spent part of the forenoon in writ-
ting a letter to our Member of Congress on the
Subject of the French Spoliation Claims —
Rem? of the day at other business except an
hour after dinner looking over the papers re Some
days since — returned from the Cf. House at 10
O'clk to go with Ma there H. to see the Coast
— but I found I was too late for her — Stopped
at Mothers on my way home and heard favor-
able reports from Martha Tucker & infant
— the birth of which at 11 Oclk yesterday I
heard of there last eve — The intelligence is very
grateful to us all — Read the paper in
the dining room till quite late — our two elder
Sons met their Club at our house — Frank
at the County Hill — Anna & Thos Robeson
Dean from to day at Dinner to enjoy the Coast-
ing Recreation with our Children Later others
on our premises viz from the Pump down
an inclined plane to the Garden and across it to
the Coal House — I have got through with

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my heavy and anxious financial business better than I feared — and have had with some very distressing — some very encouraging feelings. for which I hope to be duly thankful, and that they may sustain my trust in the beneficent Care of our Heavenly father who provides for the necessities of all his creatures, and if duly sought unto will not fail to supply us with needful things, and give us grace to see the smile of benignity above and controlling the storms and tempests which fill the unconfiding mind with alarm.

1st day 7th Attended mg. at the Spring St. House in the forenoon, and at its close walk to the Cemetery and laid a bunch of fresh flowers fringed with evergreens the tribute of her mothers affection on the snowy mantle which covers our dear Mary's Grave — dear child if from the bliss of heaven she is permitted to read the heats of her parents she will see that the truest injunction of her parting breath and the loving eloquence of her expressive face in that hour of trial are not "forgotten" — Sally Hammond was with us at dinner — I attended the 5th St. mg in the afternoon, and at its close called to see cousin Gifford & Aunt Nancy — by request of the latter I gave her some account of my past and recent intercourse with Geo. Thornburgh — after tea went with Ann Chase to see Judge but he was gone — and we went to Mother Mary's — was here between meetings —

2d. day 8th Went to the Bank Directors meet[g]. and attended to my Cg. House duties and business Cares through the day — We had Rev. Mr. Horton & wife and Mary Russell to tea — They are agreable people — not particularly interesting but open sincere and good — his manner of saying grace I thought was solemn and appropriate — Hon. Russell came late in the ev[g]. — An experiment was made this ev[g]. with my lamp under the appointment of the Coll^r

3d. day 9th Engaged at the Cg House & through the day ev[g] — called at mothers and got the use of the Carriage to take me there H. to typhus Robinsons — and Sister Elvira called in the ev[g]. and took her home again — which allowed me to remain later at my desk —

The experiment with my lamp was I think satisfactory — Financial cares and pecuniary obligations press heavily upon me

4th. day 10th Engaged at the Cg House through the day or otherwise on important business. Having unexpectedly had a notification for the payment of the large Sum borrowed as Executor — of J. Hunt'd Dlls which was not expected — I made them a call on the occasion but found they could not Consistently with their obligations forbear the payment — This is an added source of anxiety to the numerous financial totals which now almost overwhelm me — I was very late at the Cg House and must renew my anxious cares early in the morning

5th. day 11th Rose early and went to the Cg House to devise ways and means for my payments (not being effected to day, but my means were not available and I dread to have recourse to the kindness of a friend again very late at the Cg House. Mercury — 2 Hrs in

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6th Day 12th. My business duties and Cares have again occupied my time & attention — called at Mothers — Sister Sarah was there — and we heard of Sister Eliza's accident — having been run against by a Sled in crossing Walnut St. from Aunt Laney's yesterday — and thrown down and considerably bruised — but she did not disclose the accident to mother till she heard of it through other Channels — I called at B. F. Congdon's Office this Ev'g to see the progress of the Experiment with the lamps — the room was cold — window raised — Mer. Carry outside 18 — inside 44 — One of my lamps burng. with Sp.ts Oil & the other with R. Whale — the former about 1/10 more remote from the image on the wall — both burning well — but I think not trimmed in the best manner — There was also a Light House lamp burng. with the Metallic brand heater — the object being to prove the relative heating power of the lamps — returned from B Congdon's to the Cg. House — and left about 10 — for home

7th day 13th Devoted myself again to duties of the day at the Cg House &c — with that depression of feeling which is consequent on the embarrassed State of my affairs — The necessity of some money on 2. day obliged me to work very late at the Cg Hse. investigating an acct. from which I hoped to make available — It was later by an hour than I supposed when I got home and I was much distressed to find that my dear wife had

kept awake, and very uneasy about me — Sad. Sad indeed are the circumstances which give occasion for such evg. Separations. — I called at B.F. Congdons and found that the bright Hoare lamp had the highest temperature at the close of the exp. last evg — by 5 degrees — — The oil in that with the metal branch over the chimney being 94° while the oil in mine was 89° of far the external atmosphere being 18 — and the temp of the room with a window open 44 — without any fire

1st day 14th Attended Mtg. at the Spring St House in the forenoon and in the afternoon at that in Fifth Street called to see my mother at the close of the latter and went to Grace church in the evg. with Mr Chase & Sue where Mr. Horton gave us an extemporary sermon in the Vestry which occasion I enjoyed — The temporary respite from the trials and anxieties of our circumstances which these days permit are very grateful, though their shadow falls darkly on many moments — I try to find some consolation in the expansive views of human life & destiny which our Divine Religion presents and am sometimes favored to feel their vivifying power

2d. day 15th Devoted to my ordinary business and in preparation to leave home for the means of liquidating a large debt due from me as Executor — at the G.H. &c. & through the day & evg — At the Bank Mtg. in the morng. —

3d. day 16 Left home in the early Cars for Boston in relation to money for the estate — had long conferences with L. Almy Patterson & Co & Dodge & Tucker on many prospects — with special reference to ours — went home with A Tucker & saw my niece in her room — and her infant of about 2 weeks — She was sitting up in the Dining Room and looked well and happy — our Cousin Lydia Russell is with her — left after dinner for Providence in the 4 Oclk train but had to wait for the St. 3d. train at Mansfield took Lodgings at the Franklin House and called to see Lodk. Allen, in relation to old R.I. State Debt and many — Saw also his wife and two Daughters Mary & her little boy and Anna — went with Mr. Allen to the Lecture at the Lyceum, largely attended — Mr. Osgood on the Poetry of Mechanics — very interesting — at the close spoke to the Lecturer his sister Abby now at home with her Sisters

4th. day 17th called to see D. Richmond and went to the Court House, not finding him at home — but there I failed to recognize him and called again at his house without seeing him — then called at Alex. Duncans Office about the money but — the old Gent. Mr. Butler was not within and I went to see Gabl. Fisher at the St. mills — while the old man was out called again at the appointed time and was promised with some lack of precision as to time, an account of the disposition to be sent to me by mail — Returned to the St. mills and used up the rest of my time — then hastened to my lodging and the St. Boat for Fall River — where I met D. Richmond for a few minutes — The ice impeded the boat and it was near six when we got to the Whf in Fall River — went to my bro. Micahs to

dent & found them at the table — my niece Mary with them on her birth day the first of her being the two Stairs — paid a visit to her infant a sweet look ing baby of 3 weeks — called to see S. Dowol at the Mill and afterward at Mr Hawes's in relation to machinery — and had a late conversation with my bro[r] — The prospects of the Pocasset Co[y] are very good — while ours are very bad

5[th] day 18[th] Rose pretty early and went by the way of our whf. to the Pocasset Manf[g]. and looked into the Cloth Room &c — then to avoid the chance of loss. my passage went direct to the Depot — and learned that the Senator was fast in the ice about a mile below the weather having become very cold in the night — after setting home and breakfast — went to mothers and to the Cg House where passed the day together with consultations at the Factory &c in regard to our gloomy prospects — at the Cg. Room in the eve[g] told Mess[rs] Belk' when I went in search of the expected letter from Providence, but I found that the Prov. mail had not arrived — this obliged me to see E M. Robinson my bro[r] Wm & Thos Mandell — in regard to the postponement one day of the large part of the Estate, which was arranged

6[th] day 19[th]. went to see about a supply of coal ours being about exhausted — had other consultations about the mill and passed the rem[r] of the day & eve[g]. at Co[y] Rooms &c — Preparatory to leaving home in the morn[g] to complete the negociation for the money to meet the pay for the Estate

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1st Day 20th Went to Providence in the Cars this morning — finished the negociation for the money with Alex. Duncan who threw the loss of one day by the failure of the mail wholly on me — Called afterward at the B.D.&C. Co — and settled the Co.'s acct. — called on J D Brown, and saw D Rich who talked vehemently against the Repudiating course of the State Government in relation to the Revolutionary debt — walked to ascertain if David Whitman was in Town — but did not learn that he was — called at Thurston Greene & Co's — and saw the new rope machine — but the principals were not at the manf. there to the R.R. Depot & home — met Edmund in the Cars from Boston — called at T.B. White's on my walk to the house and left the money obtained in Providence — and passed the ev. at home — my reflections on this day as well as of late generally have been of a very depressing character
2M 2d Day 21st attended Mg. in the forenoon at the 5th St. and in the afternoon at the Spring St. Hse called to see mother and read chiefly in the Memoirs of the late Wm Allen, part of the ev. to Ann. chere & Sister — The Girls sang previously favored us with Frank's accompanyment with Sacred Hymns and Chants
2d day 22d Set off in the Cars for Fall River called at C.H. Morgans on the way and join J. Linn and Rose at breakfast who also were going to the same place — The Annual Mg. of the Pocasset Co. being this day — called at Kilburn & Co's and inspected the new mill before the meeting — which was fully attended. Two of Clark Chase's sons as Executors of their father's Estate —

The State of the Concern though encumbered with a very heavy debt is encouraging and the Co. authorised the filling up of the Mud side with Machinery - Dined at Micah's with my brothers except Andrew - & Wm Slade - Mary & her infant were in the Parlor - Went with C. M. Morgan to look at our wharf property - then called to see D. Durfee's new Engine which works very fine & only consuming but about half of the Coal before used with a much greater Power - On leaving the depot I went to the Co. House & Factory & made sundry measurements and calculations with reference to the substitution of Planks for our filling frames - and wrote a letter on the Subject to Hames Manel & Davoll with whom I had some Conversation on the Subject this forenoon

3d day 23d. Made some entries in the books of the Estate before going down Street - which I did'd under great depression from the bad State of our Factory Concern - had some talk with Wm about them - rem'd the day and eve. at the Co House & Sent our Carriage to the Magnolia to day for California - a vehicle that we did not use when we might have done so, but we shall not probably have any further occasion for - having had no horse for the last four months -

4th day 24th Occupied through the day at the Co. House & at the Co. House till pretty late in the eve & had a conversation with my bro. William relative to the Stock of And. Robeson in the Pocasset Co - and wrote a letter to M. H. Ruggles the Ag. at home very late in the eve - Wm Baker of Lowell is our guest at the fd. of our Sons.

15th 5th Day 25th 1 mo: 1849 At the Bank — and in conference with the Pres. Sec'y & Sup't. of the Factory with reference to the State of affairs — which occupied nearly all the morning — Ch. Randall with W. B. with us at Dinner — took a look on board the Magnolia in the afternoon and was at the Cy House till late in the ev'g —

6th day 26th. Devoted the day to the duties of the Cy House &c — through the day & ev'g — Wm. Baker & our Eldest Sons were at a convivial Supper of their Club at the Baker House in the ev'g — It is a pity that they could not be satisfied with a rational Sociality without an extravagant Sacrifice to their animal appetites — "The feast of reason and the flow of Soul" without giving an unreasonable importance to Sensual gratification as a necessary auxiliary or an accompaniment — The evil Spirits which have in former times been the ruling demons on such occasions I presume were among the Missing — But the Genius of Temperance has not yet gained but a partial ascendency — may it continue to ascend till it controls — at all Social meetings whether of the young or the old in meats as well as Drinks and in all things. But this can only be expected when Christian principle shall rule in the hearts of men of which like all other virtues True and consistent temperance is the legitimate offspring — and on this rock alone can it permanently and securely furnish.

7th day 27 The forenoon was devoted to an examination of the mill with Hawes

& Marvel, Machinists of Fall River with reference to the Substitution of Rules for our filling frames — after dinner called on my way to the C.J. House and took leave of Capt. Bill & Simmons who left in the Cars for Newyork and California — left C.J. at the C.J. House — Mrs Baker left us this morning, 1st day 28th this day, & upon from Secular avocation has been enjoyed as far as Secular anxieties would permit, and was at meet.s at the 5th St. House in the forenoon and at 3 P.M. in the afternoon — to some comfort, called to see mother in the afternoon and went with her & dear H & Martha Whalen who was with us at tea, to Sybil Robertson — read a chapter in memoirs of Wm Allen &c. — 2d day 29th Spent the day & left C.J. chiefly at the C.J. House — the approach of the end of the fiscal year and of the Rotch whf. Co. bring duties which is on property with only the common aid of Fire tax me very fully — B.S. Rotch made us a call at the mill he holds out encouraging prospects for the future, but we are so beset with debts and difficulties that it seems doubtful whether we can sustain ourselves so as to realize them — the financial trouble which surround me seem more & more, if possible alarming — after getting home about 12 I had to write Jay again with reference to these —

3d day 30th forenoon at the C.J. House — we had John Hoskin to dine with us — he leaving left his situation in Penn.a and concluded to go out in the Magnolia to try his fortunes in California

nia — his general intelligence and knowledge of Accounts will I think afford him lucrative occupation at San Francisco with literally digging for Gold — I could wish for him that he was more experimentally grounded in the principles of our Society — for his own preservation as well as his influence on others in that lawless region — he staid with us most of the afternoon — in the latter part of which Sister Sarah called — I called at Mothers on my way to the Cg House about dusk — and then worked till 11 at the Desk — The weavers at the Factory have struck work to dictate the rules with which they shall be governed in work & pay — On getting home I sat up to write on my financial troubles which are exceedingly oppressive —

4th Day 31st Engaged at the Cg. House till late in the eg. at usual — The Factory weavers still off duty & the mill stopped — Financial anxieties press heavily upon me and take up a good deal of my thought and time

5th Day 2 mo. 1 — Went to the Bank and obt. a very much needed accommodation. My fr. E. M. Robinson spoke strongly in my favor indirectly — showing a strong contrast to the want of sympathy evinced by some others — He was absent — Occupied at the Cg. House all day and till late in the eg — made a call — at Mothers in going down after dinner the weavers struck

6th. Day 2d Engaged in Co employments most of the day and till late in the ev.g - the pending annual meeting of the Companies of which I am treasurer requiring special effort to be adequately prepared, which the annoying financial necessities of my position which take precedence of all others concerns, makes difficult - I had hoped to take the Rotch Whf Co.y business in hand this ev.g but could well do it, and therefore the preparation must if possible be begun & finished tomorrow before the hour of meeting 3 Oclk

7th. day 3d. Rose very early and went to the Co.y House to work by lamp light on the R. W. acc.t - and by using all diligence - intermitted by few interruptions I made out to be in readiness though my Statements were rough and not fully matured - Had a interview with Ch.s Grinnell Whf.r while I was hastily dining - The whf.g mg. was composed of my uncle Wm and my brother Wm as the attd of our mother only - my aunt Mary being dec.d I was merely the Clk & Treas.r - T. D. Elliot who is the devisee of my aunt not avail.g of his right - and Wm. W. Swain as supposed was prevented by ill health - After the meeting as I was continued in my appointments the afternoon & ev.g were spent in making the record and in putting the Books and accounts in proper form - which was done mostly at home - but requiring a visit to the Co.y House in the latter part of the ev.g - Called and left the Book of Records at my mothers for her examination and called on my return (She being from home when I passed down) on a visit on my brother Benj.n (ess) and took it to send to the other absent Stockholder T. D. E. for his satisfaction and information - according to his request as I met him on my return from the meeting in the afternoon - and on my enquiring whether he &c. the notice or these was any mistake in the hour - The notice was regular & recom

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1st Day 4th Having a bad cold I forbore my 1st Day morng. ablutionary exercises — went to Mg. in the forenoon at the 5th St. House and in the afternoon at Spg. St. — at the close I was obliged to go to the Cg. House with reference to the Mg. of the Focus Set Aug tomorrow which I shall not attend — called at Charles on my way home and joined them Self & Children Sister Sarah being on a visit at Martha Trickers in Boston — the rem: of the ev. at home

2d. day 5th assiduously engaged at the Cg House through the day preparing for the ann. Mg of the St. mill Co. — in the ev. had my Dinner sent to me on acct. of my Cold which is quite severe The Mg took place at my Cg House — and the annual appointments made — and the Mg adj: for a week to give me time to make a more particular Statt of the affairs of the Company which are very much embarrassed

3d. Day 6th — worked all day and in the ev. at the Cg. House, my Cold making it unadvisable to expose myself more than was unavoidable to the weather I had my Dinner again sent to me — Rode home in the ev. in Bro. Benj's Sleigh

4th day 7th — Still at work on the St. mill Coy accts — Cold still very bad — dinner at the Cg. Hse, again — rode home in the Carriage to enjoy a part of her visit —

5th. Day 8th Again at my Cg. House took Still very unwell — dinner at Cg House, — rode home through a Severe Storm in the ev. — The Magnolia Sailed this Mg — the Mercury at 0

but the wind coming a head before she was out of the bay — She with the other vessels (the bark Pleiades & Schr Emily Bourne) returned — to the Anchorage in the outer harbor 6th day 9th Rose rather earlier than usual though my cold is very oppressive yet — and collected a bushel & a half of books pamphlets & papers to send onboard the Magnolia — which I sent a boat down with after breakfast — She sailed about 11 A.M. & has had a fine run off for her voyage with about 100 passengers (Jno. Herkin among the number — for the Gold Region of California — Employed through the day & eve. at the Cg. House — Dinner at the Cg. House

7th day Occupied as heretofore through the week dinner at the Cg House

1st day 11 The work yet to be done to prepare for the adjournment of the ann. Mtg. of the St. Mill Co. / tomorrow indeed me to go early to the Cg House & thus occupy the time till the meeting hour — have just taken breakfast and read a chapter in the bible — called at brothers on my way from the Store and stopped at the Lyceum Mg. House, but it being not quite warm enough for me in my state of health I went on to the Spg St. House — at the close of the Mtg. I went to Mary Gifford's to make a call & thank her for transmitting my letter to Philip Denham about the bees — I waited some time for her to get home from Mtg — I remained at home in the afternoon and read some of the uncommonly excellent discourses of the Rev. Augustus Hare — in the afternoon & eve.

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2.° day 12.th Again at my task preparg the Said Statem.ts Mills Co.y. dues to for the occ.d rng this evg - dinner at the Cg room. the weather being cold and stormy and I not being prepard for the rng - it was by the Pres.t ordered to be postponed for a week which I hope will enable me to be fully prepard though the amt.° to be done to this end without assistance from any one is great and will tax all my energies. - Walked home through a cold snow storm pretty late in the evg - Brother had her Sleigh out for me but I had left before the man got to the Cg Hse

3.° day 13.th Still at my task with no more than indispensable intermissions - dinner at the Cg Hse appeared Still with my cold which somewhat detracts from my progress - late before I got home

4.th day 14.th Spent the day as usual - dinrg at the Cg. House and stayg late, but less late than usual - Our son Wm. who has had a cold several days - is to day off duty which makes me more than usually helpless - continr my labors in making indifferent statements after I got home - in beginning which I was delayed by the call of Henry Johnson who was here when I came in - he kept me at work till after midnight

5.th day 15 Still ploddging at this desk - made my own fire this mg. to day my cold has of late principally confined - dinner at the Cg Hse - Wm. off duty Staid late and - worked till past midnight after I got - home - called to see mother on my way to the Cg. Hse this morng - our dear Sue had her Sp.d Car.e Elliot to tea -

6.th day 16.th Still at work at my task - dinner at the Cg. House, Staid late - Wm. Still off duty - got A.G. Sudlow Clk to do what he could done it well - he was down some time, and gave Plummer some aid in the Invoice, - besides the impediment of a cold, he is further disabled by a sore on the 2.d joint of his finger which was

occasioned by indeavg to eradicate a wart which disqualifies him for the use of the pen — 1820 — Benj: who was here last evg — drove his Sleigh and gave our daughters a ride to day — taking me also to see Sybil Roberson, and called for her on their return — I have read every evg this week and every evg in the evg too in the excellent Sermons of Archp Hare — The Show the only real Panacea for the troubles of life and give an insight into the Causes of them which cannot be considered lost — with profit — may I and mine, through late for me have recourse to this only restorative Medicine for all our ills —

7th day 17 Passed the day again at the Cg House and returned late in the evg — not yet recovered from the fatigue of the 1st day evg —

1st day 18th Attended mg through a Snow Storm at Spg-St House — and called to see another sick one, found Nath Barney there last evg yesterday arr from N.Y. with his wife & daughter who they have been to take leave of his bro: Saml & some friends who are to sail in a few days for Calafornia — There was no boat on acct of the Ice to take them home and they expect to go by Rail Road &c to Woodville to morrow to take the 1st boat to their island home — at the close of my Call at mothers I went to the Cg Hse to work a couple of hours before the afternoon mg — Went to Spg St mg — in the afternoon — and called at the Parker House to see our Ist Cousins, and ask them to tea — they declined to tea, but thought they might come in the evg — I sent at home till abt 8 Oclk and then went to enquire after our neighbor Jesse Perry who is quite unwell — I was too late to see him, as he had retired to bed — Susan went with me — Saw the others of the family — but were summoned back on Nantucket Friends have called with L & L Greene, who made us a pleasant visit

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Rose early and went to the Cg House to go on with my preparation for the ann. M.g. which was adjourned to this day - but having more to do than it was possible to do fully I did what I could and had to present approximations to some extent instead of accurate and full results — enough I was able to do however to show pretty nearly the miserable success which had attended our many endeavors — and I was prepared for a vote to stop the mill. but this course was not adopted by the Mg. — The slight improvt. in prices recently experienced with the hopes of better times near at hand encouraged them to try to keep along but they could neither do nor suggest anything which will bring the funds which are indispensable to this continuance — My own labors therefore which have long been so oppressive must if possible be continued — I took my dinner as usual at the Cg House — partly to avoid exposure — and partly to save time for my work

3d. day 20th I have passed the day at the Cg House — in continuance of my calculations and adjustment of accounts to give the condition of the Company and the particulars of our business as intelligibly from our books and to prepare the abstracts for the examination of the Stockholders used in arriving at my conclusions — Gov: Briggs was expected to lecture before the Lyceum but he was unable to attend. and his place was sup-

filled as informed by the family by Mr. Weiss
— I have been almost entirely precluded from
attendance on the lectures for the past two
years — as well as from almost every other
gratification of my intellectual tastes — at
home late in the evg —
4th day 21st — Still toiling in my exile
(at the Cg Room) at the St. mill accounts till
late in the evg.
5th day 22d — This day has been passed as
the last and its predecessors — dinner sent
to me as usual — The attendance of our
weekly religious meeting — which I would
fain regularly attend — obliged to forego —
— but I have made it a point to indulge
myself, both to read in the evg. and some-
times also in the evg. in the bible or in the
vol. of excellent Sermons by Aug.s Have now
in the family as a loan from Rev Mr. Prentiss
6th day 23d — Occupied as of late this the
day at the Cg House, dinner there — return
home earlier than usual 10 O'clk. to fore-
finish the letter which I wished to write
to C.C. Stewart which occupied me
till past midnight
7th day 24th Again toiling at the desk all
day and late in the evg — having no one to
aid me in any of my calculations or entries the
tax upon my eyes I find very severe as
will at the confinement very uncongen-
ial to my feeling — Frank's hand still un-
fitted him for the use of the pen — I have called to

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1st Day 25th Attended meeting forenoon and afternoon at the Spring St. house — Called at mothers at the close of the first, and at Dr. Reads in the afternoon — I did not see him. he has been mostly confined to his bed for the last two weeks Passed the rem.r of the day at home My reading chiefly by the Excellent Sermons of Augs. Hare — Rachel Howland made a prayer in the mg. mg.

2d. day 26th My financial obligations give me great anxiety — and take up much of my time in the forenoon — keep me the afternoon & e.g. for my continued labors in the St. mills concerns —

3d day 27 Occupied as of late with my anxious cares and laborious calculations took my dinner at the Cg. room to save time — very anxious about my Payments — At the Cg Room till near midnight and then was occupied an hour at home before retir.g — have g. to go to Fall River to-morrow

4th Day 28th Rose rather late — and had to hurry to make the necessary preparation for leav.g in the Cars for F. River — Hardly succeeded in saving my Passage — On getting there went to A. Robeson's Cg Room and prepared a motion to be submitted to the Pocasset mg. relative to the purchase of the Stock of A. Robeson placing the transaction on its real grounds and the words which were entirely left out of view in the vote of the Prec.g mg. — but on submitting it to my brothers they disapproved of the course — as being impolitick — But I have not

& and the wisdom of concealment when satisfied that the real motives justify the action — and if not thus justified, it is clear they ought not to be done. — I therefore contented my self by moving for an amendment of the record of the late mg so that as far as my own action was concerned in Carrying out the vote of that mg — in concluding the bargain — it might not appear that I was acting under any own judgment when nothing of the kind was left to me in the transaction — Dined at Mr. Cahs — and had as pleasant a visit as the depressing circumstances of my own business would permit — Returned in the eg train Andrew & Charles with me, the latter having given up his seat in Benj.n buggy to Julia Wright who — Came over to hear Fanny Butler read a play of Shakespeare, I came to the house on arriving and found only Sister P. who is an invalid at home — the others having gone with the throng to see & hear Fanny — rather a small object for so much stir — I went to the Cg. Hse and finished the eve.g at my desk —

5th. day 3Mo. 7 — Went to the Bank oppressed with the magnitude of my liabilities — obt.d a little aid — and was much and anxiously engaged through the morng arranging for my Payments — went on with my Steam mill Calculations in the afternoon and eve.g — continued till a late hour

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6th Day 3mo 2 Engaged as usual at the Cg House on the St. mill calculations, except to the time necessary for the superintendence financial arrangements — dined at the Cg House and staid late

7th Day 3d — Occupied as heretofore at the Cg House — dined there, and called at home on my way to the m.g. to avoid going home earlier than I was led to allay the cravings of Nature for a piece of bread — returned and worked till near midnight — completg very nearly the job on which I have been engaged — some trivial errors in the books prevented the exact balance which they should show —

1st Day 4th Rose early (for 1st Day mg) and went through my Customary Shower & ablutions suspended for the last few weeks on account of my cold — attended meeting at the Sp.g. St House — Rachel Howland made an acceptable offering in ministry — as did Rhoda in the afternoon in supplication Jos. Spoke as usual — I called at the Close of the 1st mg at mothers and at the Close of the 2d — to see Dr. Read & Jireh Perry — The Dr. seemed quite comfortable but the latter surprised me by his great and unexpected prostration — feeble as an infant — without pain or appetite — confined to his bed except for a short interval — when I supposed him to be but moderately sick — The Drs cannot satisfy themselves as to his disease, but the case

appears very discouraging — I proposed to go with our sweet daughters to this evening — But as it was a Sabbath School examination I remained at home by their suggestion — Read in Hares Sermons — with pleasure & I hope some Profit — The consolations of Religion assume in our estimation more of their real importance when temporal blessings are withheld and sore Sorrow or adversity threaten to overwhelm us — This shows the infirmities of our nature with heavenly Consolations freely offered in all conditions — they are suffered to be eclipsed by these temporal enjoyments, which if duly Considered should as the telescope in revealing the wonders of the outward heavens but quicken our perceptions of that infinite Mercy & Goodness which dispenses to us all our blessings Spiritual & temporal, and would fill the Soul with inefiable Joy, the Peace of God which passeth understanding — Our Harriet had the sad intelligence from Accra of the very Sudden death of her two eldest daughters a young woman of 18 —

2d. day 5th — went early to see A. Roberson about a heavy payment to be made to day — the obligation for which passed through his hands — but he was in Boston — and could give me no assistance to the Bank with anxiety — but by fictitious Paper succeeded in getting the means

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of protracting, not cancelling my indebtedness — Engaged at the Cg House in finding the errors in the St. Croix books — in which I succeeded — and finished, all but a little copying the exposition of the accounts of that unfortunate enterprise — dined at home and worked late in the evg — This is the day of the Inauguration of the New President — May relief be dispensed to the oppressed man & Interests by the blessing of Heaven on his administration — Alas that the Am. people are not more deserving, by a greater obedience to the benign requisition of the Gospel, of the Divine blessing — with the prosperity of Christianity, its Spirit is but little abroad among the people —

3. day 6th Presented the St. Croix acct. to the Pres.t of the Corporation — worked at the Cg House on the business which has got badly in arrear — dined at home and remained at the store late

4th day Continued my Cg home occupations to bring up the arrear of my business records — interrupted by the urgency of the St. Croix Concerns C.N. Morgan & Wm. P. Robeson called and we exchanged the note to be assumed by the St. Croix Canal Co. for the assignment deed of A. Robesons eight shares in C. Stock — under the authority given at the late meetings of that Coy — I was late at the Cg House —

5th Day 8th Went to the banks directors mg — oppressed with the magnitude of my promises and those of the Coy. now falling due — with no resources of my own to meet them — and the double assault as the exorbitant rates at which the money must be bought if obtained fill me with anxiety and alarm — Called at Jeich Perry's before going down Street — he was reported as not any better — they are awaiting anxiously for Eliza's return — Called at Mothers in the afternoon and spent the day and eg. at the Cg House — I wd have been glad to have attended the mid week meeting of the Society but my overwhelming Cares prevented — The ice in the river gave way to day and by the high winds was driven down in the afternoon and eg — The interruption to Navigation has been but for short intervals below the bridge, broken as it often was by the Nantucket Steam boats — The ice about the upper wharves has been only for comparatively short periods so as to offer obstruction to access to them if it had been desired

6th Day 9th Occupied with my business at the Cg. House through the day and eg. Called at J Perry's his ~~7th day 10~~ better. Dr. Bigelow has been sent for to see him, his daughter Eliza and her husband arr this morning from Washington hastened by the Telegraphic intelligence respecting her father

7th Day 10th Occupied with my Cg House duties & business anxieties through the day and till late in the eg — J. Perry continues very low — Dr B cannot give much hope though he does not entirely discourage it

1st day 11th After my monthly ablution read in Hares Sermons — which are very edifying but I cannot unite

with some of his views, which I think are derogatory to the Divine Character — but with his Spirit I have the fullest sympathy — attended meeting at the 5th St House in the forenoon and at Spring St in the afternoon — called to see Mother at the close of the 1st mg — who is very well — The accts from J Perry are no more favorable — He is in a very calm and resigned State of Mind as I understand — We had a quiet wg at home our dear daughters and Frank favored us with some beautiful hymns

2d day 12 Read as usual a Sermon in Hare's excellent Volume — and did a jaunt errand to the north part of the town before breakfast — Financial arrangements took up my time till near the closing of the mail — Found our friend Philip here on getting home for dinner — who came about the best for my Cousin Nathaniel — I find that it is a very critical business to remove a hive safely so far — had a long conference with the simple hearted man on the subject — and after doing much enquiring about a water conveyance — but here too is a good deal of risk & uncertainty — This with calling at Mothers and Aunt's partly on the same business consumed the afternoon — devoted the eg. to my books & accounts — A.H. Smith arr. yesterday from N York, having executed his mission very opportunely, having bo. 150 bales of Cotton about 2 hours before the Steamer at Boston was Telegraphed which caused an advance of ½ c on the price — His reports of the prevailing business accord with those from other quarters — but it will be slow and small for many months

3d day 13th Engaged by my business cares and labors through the day and eg took some measures and made some enquiry relative

to fulfilling. The Com^n. of my good cousin Nathaniel — financial arrange^t took much time 4th. Day 14th made some further preparation to get the bees from Dartmouth to go by the boat to-morrow — but the trouble of financial arrange^t took so much time that I could not finish the day early enough for a very early start tomorrow morning — Chs. Pinckney who is shortly to sail for California was with us at tea. I came home to see him, and pursued my writing till a very late hour at home — The stringent state of the money market in Boston gives me great anxiety in regard to the heavy payments which yet remain this month 5th Day 15 — My late vigils last night prevented my visiting to early as usual — but to the Bank I had a call from Mr. Dawes in relation to missionaries to Siam &c. with other interruptions prevented my accomplishing much — Called at C. H. Morgans to see William Lindley, and ask him to tea — I came home early to meet him — He is of the California Co^y. and seems like an excellent & well disposed man as the son of my good old friend of my School boy days. I feel a strong interest in him, and pray that a blessing may rest on him & his Coadjutors — My own anxieties are so heavy that, the probable privations and hardships of the Ca^a passage would be trifling in Comp^n — We effected another to be with us but the rain prevented

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Engaged as usual with my business Cares & troubles at the C.J. House till late — The accounts from our neighbor Jared Perry are not at all encouraging for his restoration —

7th day 17th Having made arrangement to send for the bees this morning I was awakened at 3 O'Clk by the tide Piece and rose to have the horse (my brother Benj. having been brot. down from his farm last eve.g to be in readiness) prepared while I went to call Isaac — I found that he did not require calling his habits of care to execute well what he undertakes that he rarely fails for want of any prompting — I met him on the way — and he got off a little before 4 — To improve the time I then went to work at the C.J. House till late breakfast time. and then returned to wait for J. Francis arrival, unto to my Cousin Nathaniel Ve — he got back about abt 10 though the roads were very bad successfully I believe — I went to the boat & saw them safely seated in the suspended position — and then returned to the daily duties of the desk — and continued them till late in the eve.g —

1st day 18th Attended Meeting at the 3rd & 4th St. Hs A.M. & and at Spring Street in the afternoon — called to see mother after the 1st M.g — Sally Hammond was with us at dinner & with

Mr Snow at tea — Our neighbor Jas Perry died last night very quickly — he was apparently but little conscious for the last few days — but before that time very peaceful & resigned — he has been a very exemplary and unoffending man — Thomas & I went to see the family after Mr Snow left us — Mr Chen H. intended to go there this afternoon at the Close of the 2d M.G. but the M.G. held later than usual — and she had to leave Mr Snow & retire to bed on acct of a severe head ache — I Dan Eben & Mrs — The family seem submissive under the afflictive dispensation — went home with J Hammond after our return

2d day 19th Went to the bank this M.G. where for years past I have been accustomed to meet J. Perry — who has always shown a very friendly disposition to all his colleagues I propose a notice of his death on the records and the Com. of the condolence of the Board to the family which was agreed to — I spent the day in my Cy Office duties — which tax my time and attention severely — continued late in the ev.

3d day 20th Occupied assiduously at the Cy House — through the day & eve —

4th day 21st Spent the forenoon at my Cy Office duties & till the Close of the mail — failed in getting a carriage for the funeral

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all being engaged by particular friends of the dec^d — the weather being very rainy went to the House in Gibbs Carriage — the Rev. J. Weiss Officiated but in the room where we were he could not be understood — Mothers Carriage took my wife daughters & self to the Grave (Rural Cemetery) — on return J. rode to the C.J room and remained till late — somewhat detained by the Storm which was very severe

5^th day 22^d Went early to the C.J house and taking some bread to supply me for breakfast & dinner remained till eve^g — when I came home to have the company of my mother & Sister Eliza who were with us at tea — Rode home with them, and then Sister E went with me in the Carriage to put up my C.J. Rec. books, and bro^t me home

6^th day 23^d Went early to the C.J house and and provided as yesterday continued my work there through the day and till late in the eve^g — I take a little time in the m^g and late at night for devotional reading — and find some comfort in this way under my many and heavy trials and discouragements — The family Prayers in the Church Service, concise and comprehensive, Aug. Hare's Excellent Sermons and the Bible are my best books — I manage to glance at the papers to keep a little knowledge of passing events — and give the rem^r of my time chiefly to the duties of my waiting business — with its added toils from financial embarrassments — thus

has passed 57 years of my life — the last few returns of this birth day I have been under great and anxious anxieties but the catastrophy which was annoying in the distant prospect now threatens with its nearer approach and fills me with still keener apprehensions — There is some comfort to be derived, and I strive to attain to it, in the conviction, that troubles arise not from the dark, that a kind Providence presides over human destinies — that afflictions and trials are his merciful chastenings — prosperity his gracious bounty — and that by looking deeper than the surface, and meeting his dispensations in the proper spirit they will all redound to our ultimate & final Good — may we all strive to be so wise as to do this and realize the great and enduring goods to which the trials of our lives are meant to administer —

7th day 24th This is my 57th birth day and it finds me surrounded with causes of disquietude which detract sadly from the feelings of enjoyment which I had hoped would be the accompaniment of my advancing years — perhaps I have relied too much on the results of industrious and not ill meant efforts — without aspiring to be very rich I was prone to active industry but it

it has not pleased divine Providence to bless me with the care and competence — as it regards my family as I had hoped — The tendency of my wishes were never ambitious of display or distinction — but the ability to gratify the reasonable requirements of our position and those emotions which go out of the circle of ones im. family for their beneficent exercise, blessing and being blessed by acts of kindness to others who could be made more happy or more virtuous through my instrumentality was what I did desire and strove, as it now appears unwisely to attain — But the enterprise which harbd. me (so far as human foresight can determine) to the present condition — had no such origin but was adopted as a relieving alternative to the injury and losses entailed upon me by the unmerited hostility of one who ought to have been my friend, and whom I was slow to believe was not so. — But the causes though they may prevent compunction for unwarrantable desires do not mitigate present inconveniences and and disheartening forebodings — Naught remains but to seek the dispensations as far as may be in the proper Spirit, and strive to educe the good from them which they may be instrumental of — May I and all connected with me aim at this only certain benefit

to which they can contribute — and crave the divine blessing on our feeble endeavors, which we are taught to believe will not be withheld if earnestly and constantly sought after — I have been occupied as of late by my Cg. duties — which are onerous from the amount of labor which in our embarrassed affairs devolves upon me — I did not leave the Office till about midnight — We cannot look into the revelations of another year — but these are, wisely, no doubt, left to the development of time — and I must try to keep up under my oppressive load a little longer — till the issue shall appear — a hasty glance at the public prints and a little devotional reading, morning & evening is the chief relaxation which I can have from the daily anxieties and toils which are my allotment —

1st day 25th Took my accustomed weekly cold ablutions and attended meeting all day at the Spg. St. House — Called to see Mr Bolton and Mary Gifford between meetings and went with ma Chace & and Ellen to make a visit of Condolence to the Children of our neighbor Josh Perry — Edd & Thos were there before us — They are supported under their bereavement by the memories of his amiable life and the trust & its blissful fruition in the world of spirits — Closed the day by preparing some letters for C W Morgan to take to Prov: tomorrow

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2d. day 26th. Called at Ch. before he left for the Cars, and went down Street to get a pamphlet to send to Taunton to our friend the Rev. Mr. Snow —. Gave some time in the forenoon to inspecting the restarting of our Cotton mill, the 8th Engine of which has had a thorough overhauling — and A.G. Snell the Supt. has put Steam pipes into the Dressing room as a substitute for the Stove heat which we have hitherto had — This was an experimental trial, preparatory to starting up in the afternoon when all things should appear to be right — After dinner I went to take a look at the Ship May flower for California in which Ch. Randall Wm. Lindley and Jno. H Dimon under the leadership of Capt. Geo Randall and about 50 others are to set sail tomorrow, weather permitting for the El Dorado. — The decks are extremely encumbered so that I sincerely hope they may have pleasant & favorable gales to waft them on their distant way — Returned to the Ag House and devoted myself to the duties which there press upon me till Midnight — I had a letter from the State Department giving the negative to my Lamp proposition — but it seemed to be based on such a total misconception of its model and mode of application that I may yet perhaps try to correct this impressions —